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TWO FIRST PARTS

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WITH HIS

J O U R N A L S,

Revised, corrected, and abridged,

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of Huntingdon.

*O come hither all ye that fear G O D, and I will tell
you what he hath done for my Soul. Psalm lxxvi. 14.*

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CHRISTIAN READER,

ACCORDING to a Promise made some Time ago, I here present thee with a New EDITION of the two first Parts of my Life, and also of my Journals ; in which thou wilt find many Mistakes rectified ; many Passages that were justly exceptionable, erased ; and the Whole abridged ; and yet enough and enough left behind for the natural Man (to whom the Things of the Spirit of GOD are but Foolishness) to carp at and ridicule.---It was, and is now, my full Intention, if GOD should spare my Life and give me Freedom, to have added, by way of
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To the R E A D E R.

Supplement, A short Account of the Progress of (what I think may assuredly be stiled) the Work of G O D, so far as hath come within my Cognizance, from the Time when the Journals end to this Day ; but my frequent travelling and preaching, oblige me to defer putting such a Design in Execution to some future Opportunity.

---Indeed I hoped, that long before now I should have entered into Rest.

---But I find we are immortal, till our Work is done. --- However, since it hath pleased our heavenly Father to protract my worthless Life to such an unexpected Period, I desire to thank him from my inmost Soul, that he hath given me to see the Gospel-Seed, that was sown upwards of Twenty Years ago, now grown into a great Tree. --- Glory be to his holy Name, Multitudes, both in *England*,
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To the READER.

*Scotland, Wales, Ireland, and various Parts of North-America, have been brought to lodge under the Branches of it.----How far it is yet to spread can be known only to him with whom the Residue of the Spirit is.---At present, Thanks be to GOD, the Prospect is promising.---A new Set of Instruments seem to be rising up, by whom, I trust, those that were first sent forth will not only be succeeded, but eclips'd, as the Stars are succeeded and eclipsed by the rising Sun.---May they go on and prosper; and in the Strength of their common Lord, be made happily instrumental to direct a careless, unthinking World into a *holy Method* of dying unto themselves, and living unto GOD!----- This is the only METHODISM I desire to know.----- And that this may meet with an universal Flow amongst Ministers and People*

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To the R E A D E R.

ple of all Denominations I am sure
thou wilt join in praying with,

Christian Reader,

Thy ready Servant for our

common Master's Sake,

*London,
June 4, 1756.*

G. WHITEFIELD.

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*From my Infancy to my first embarking
for Georgia.*

I Was born in *Gloucester*, in the Month of *December*, 1714, at the *Bell Inn*, and can truly say I was froward from my Mother's Womb.—I was so brutish as to hate Instruction, and used purposely to shun all Opportunities of receiving it. I can date some very early Acts of Uncleanness. Lying, filthy Talking, and foolish Jesting I was much addicted to.—Sometimes I used to curse, if not swear.—Stealing from my Mother I thought no Theft at all, and used to make no Scruple of taking Money out of her Pocket before she was up.—I have frequently betrayed my Trust, and have more than once spent Money I took in the House, in buying Fruits, Tarts, &c. to satisfy my sensual Appetite.—Numbers of Sabbaths have I broken, and generally used to behave myself very irreverently in God's Sanctuary.—Much Money have I spent in Plays, and in the common Entertainments of the Age.—Cards, and reading Romances, were my Heart's Delight. Often have I joined with others in playing roguish Tricks, but was generally, if not always, *happily detected*.—For this I have often since, and do now, bless and praise God.

It would be endless to recount the Sins and Offences of my younger Days—They are more in Number than the Hairs of my Head.—My

Heart would fail me at the Remembrance of them, was I not assured that my Redeemer liveth, ever to make Intercession for me.—However the young Man in the Gospel might boast how he had kept the Commandments from his Youth, with Shame and Confusion of Face I confess, that I have broken them all from my Youth.—Whatever foreseen Fitness for Salvation others may talk of, and glory in, I disclaim any such Thing—If I trace myself from my Cradle to my Manhood, I can see nothing in me but a Fitness to be damned; and if the Almighty had not prevented me by his Grace, and wrought most powerfully upon my Soul, quickening me by his free Spirit when dead in Trespasses and Sins, I had now either been sitting in Darkness, and in the Shadow of Death, or condemned, as the due Reward of my Crimes, to be for ever lifting up my Eyes in Torments.

But such was the free Grace of God to me, that though Corruption worked so strongly in my Soul, and produced such early and bitter Fruits, yet I can recollect very early Movings of the blessed Spirit upon my Heart, sufficient to satisfy me that God loved me with an everlasting Love, and separated me even from my Mother's Womb, for the Work for which he afterwards was pleased to call me.

I had early some Convictions of Sin, and once I remember, when some Persons (as they frequently did) made it their Business to tease me, I immediately retired to my Room, and kneeling down, with many Tears, prayed over that Psalm wherein *David* so often repeats these Words, *But in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.*

I was always fond of being a Clergyman, used frequently to imitate the Ministers reading Prayers, &c. Part of the Money I used to steal from my Parent I gave to the Poor, and some Books I privately took from others, (for which I have since restored four fold) I remember were Books of Devotion.

My Mother was very careful of my Education, and always kept me in my tender Years from intermeddling in the least with the public Business.

About the tenth Year of my Age, it pleased GOD to permit my Mother to marry a second Time. It proved what the World would call an unhappy Match, but God over-ruled it for Good.—

When I was about twelve, I was placed at a School called *St. Mary de Crypt* in *Gloucester*, the last Grammar School I ever went to. Having a good Elocution and Memory, I was remarked for making Speeches before the Corporation at their annual Visitation. But I cannot say I felt any Drawings of GOD upon my Soul for a Year or two, saving that I laid out some of the Money that was given me on one of those forementioned Occasions, in buying *Ken's Manual* for *Winchester* Scholars, a Book that had much affected me when my Brother used to read it in my Mother's Troubles; and which, for some time after I bought it, was of great Benefit to my Soul.

During the Time of my being at School, I was very fond of reading Plays, and have kept from School for Days together, to prepare myself for acting them. My Master seeing how

mine and my Schoolfellows Vein run, composed something of this kind for us himself, and caused me to dress myself in Girl's Cloaths (which I had often done) to act a Part before the Corporation. The Remembrance of this has often covered me with Confusion of Face, and I hope will do so, even to the End of my Life.

Before I was fifteen, having, as I thought, made a sufficient Progress in the Classics, and, at the bottom, longing to be set at Liberty from the Confinement of a School, I one Day told my Mother, "Since her Circumstances would not permit her to give me an University Education, more Learning I thought would spoil me for a Tradesman, and therefore I judged it best not to learn Latin any longer." She at first refused to consent; but my Corruptions soon got the better of her Good-nature. Hereupon, for some time, I went to learn to write only. But my Mother's Circumstances being much on the Decline, and being tractable that Way, I from time to time began to assist her occasionally in the public House, till at length I put on my blue Apron and my Snuffers, washed Mops, cleaned Rooms, and, in one Word, became a professed and common Drawer.

Notwithstanding I was thus employed in a large Inn, and had some times the Care of the whole House upon my Hands, yet I composed two or three Sermons, and dedicated one of them in particular to my elder Brother. One time I remember I was very much pressed to Self-examination, and found myself very unwilling to look into my Heart.—Frequently I read the Bible when sitting up at Night. Seeing
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the Boys go by to School has often cut me to the Heart. And a dear Youth (now with God) would often come intreating me, when serving at the Bar, to go to *Oxford*. My general Answer was, *I wish I could*.

After I had continued about a Year in this servile Employment, my Mother was obliged to leave the Inn. My Brother, who had been bred up for the Business, married; whereupon all was made over to him; and I being accustomed to the House, it was judged best that I should continue there as an Assistant. But it happened that my Sister-in-law and I could by no means agree; and therefore, after continuing a long while under a great Burden of Mind, I at length resolved (thinking my Absence would make all things easy) to go away. Accordingly, by the Advice of my Brother, and Consent of my Mother, I went to see my elder Brother, then settled at *Bristol*.

Here God was pleased to give me great sensible Devotion, and fill me with such unspeakable Raptures, particularly once in *St. John's Church*, that I was carried out beyond myself.—I felt great Hungrings and Thirstings after the blessed Sacrament, and wrote many Letters to my Mother, telling her I would never go into the publick Employment again. *Thomas a Kempis* was my great Delight, and I was always impatient till the Bell rung to call me to tread the Courts of the Lord's House. But in the midst of these Illuminations, something secretly whispered; *This would not last*.

And indeed it so happened. For (Oh that I could write in Tears of Blood!) when I left

Bristol (as I did in about two Months) and returned to *Gloucester*, I changed my Devotion with my Place. Alas! all my Fervour went off, and I had no Inclination to go to Church, or draw nigh unto GOD.—However, I had so much Religion left, as to persist in my Resolution not to live in the Inn; and therefore my Mother gave me Leave, though she had but a little Income, to have a Bed upon the Ground, and live at her House, till Providence should point out a Place for me.

Having now, as I thought, nothing to do, it was a proper Season for Satan to tempt me. Much of my Time I spent in reading Plays, and in sauntering from Place to Place. I was careful to adorn my Body, but took little Pains to deck and beautify my Soul.—Evil Communications with my old School-fellows soon corrupted my good Manners.—By seeing their evil Practices, all Sense of Religion gradually wore off my Mind, and I at length fell into a secret Sin, the dismal Effects of which I have felt, and groaned under ever since.

Having lived thus for some considerable Time, a young Student, who was once my School-fellow, and then a Servitor of *Pembroke College, Oxford*, came to pay my Mother a Visit. Amongst other Conversation, he told her how he had discharged all College Expences that Quarter, and received a Penny. Upon that my Mother immediately cried out, “This will do for my Son.”——Then turning to me, she said, “Will you go to *Oxford, George?*” I replied, *With all my Heart.* Whereupon, having the same Friends that this young Student had, my
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Mother, without Delay, waited on them. They promised their Interest to get me a Servitor's Place in the same College. She then applied to my old Master, who much approved of my coming to School again.

In about a Week I went and entered myself, and spared no Pains to go forward in my Book. God was pleased to give me his Blessing, and I learned much faster than I did before. But all this while I continued in Sin: And at length got acquainted with such a Set of debauched, abandoned, atheistical Youths, that if God, by his free, unmerited, and especial Grace, had not delivered me out of their Hands, I should long since have sat in the Scorners's Chair.—By keeping Company with them, my Thoughts of Religion grew more and more like theirs. I went to publick Service only to make sport, and walk about. I took Pleasure in their lewd Conversation. I began to reason as they did, and was in a fair Way of being as infamous as the worst of them.

But (Oh stupendous Love!) God even here stopped me, when running on in a full Career to Hell. For just as I was upon the Brink of Ruin, he gave me such a distaste of their Principles and Practices, that I discovered them to my Master, who soon put a Stop to their Proceedings.

Being thus delivered out of the Snares of the Devil, I began to be more and more serious, and felt the Spirit of God at different Times working powerfully and convincingly upon my Soul. One Day in particular, as I was coming down Stairs, and overheard my Friends speaking well of me, God so deeply convicted me of Hypocrisy,

that though I had formed frequent but ineffectual Resolutions before, yet I had then Power given me over my secret and darling Sin. Notwithstanding, some time after being overtaken in Liquor (as I have been twice or thrice in my Life-time) *Satan* gained his usual Advantage over me again.—An experimental Proof to my poor Soul, how that Wicked one makes use of intemperate Men as Machines to work them up to just what he pleases.

Being now near the seventeenth Year of my Age, I was resolved to prepare myself for the holy Sacrament, which I received on *Christmas-day*. I began now to be more and more watchful over my Thoughts, Words, and Actions.—The following *Lent*, I fasted *Wednesday* and *Friday* thirty-six Hours together.—My Evenings, when I had done waiting upon my Mother, were generally spent in Acts of Devotion, reading *Drelincourt* upon Death, and other practical Books, and I constantly went to public Worship twice a Day.—Being now upper Boy, by God's Help I made some Reformation amongst my School-fellows. I was very diligent in reading and learning the Classics, and in studying my *Greek Testament*; but was not yet convinced of the absolute Unlawfulness of playing at Cards, and of reading and seeing Plays, though I began to have some Scruples about it.

Near this Time I dreamed that I was to see God on Mount *Sinai*, but was afraid to meet him.—This made a great Impression upon me; and a Gentlewoman to whom I told it, said, *George, this is a Call from G O D.*

For a Twelvemonth I went on in a Round of Duties, receiving the Sacrament monthly, fasting frequently, attending constantly on publick Worship, and praying often more than twice a Day in private.— One of my Brothers used to tell me, “ He feared this would not hold long, and that, I should forget all when I came to *Oxford*.” This Caution did me much Service, for it set me upon praying for Perseverence: And, under God, the Preparation I made, and Cautions given me in the Country, were no small Preservatives against the manifold Temptations which beset me at my first coming to that Seat of Learning.

Being now near eighteen Years old, it was judged proper for me to go to the University. God’s Providence had prepared my Way. The Friends before applied to, recommended me to the Master of *Pembroke-College*. Another Friend took up ten Pounds upon Bond (which I have since repaid) to defray the first Expence of entering; and the Master, contrary to all Expectations, admitted me Servitor immediately.

Soon after my Admission, I went and resided, and found my having been used to a Publick-house was now of Service to me. For many of the Servitors being sick at my first coming up, by my diligent and ready Attendance, I ingratiated myself into the Gentlemen’s Favour so far, that many who had it in their Power, chose me to be their Servitor.

This much lessened my Expence; and indeed God was so gracious, that with the Profits of my Place, and some little Presents made me by my kind Tutor, for almost the first three Years

I did not put all my Relations together to above 24 *l.* Expence.

I had not been long at the University, before I found the Benefit of the Foundation I had laid in the Country for a religious Life. I was quickly solicited to join in Excess of Riot with several who lay in the same Room. But God gave me Grace to withstand them; and once in particular, it being cold, my Limbs were so benumbed by sitting alone in my Study, because I would not go out amongst them, that I could scarce sleep all Night. But I soon found the Benefit of not yielding: For when they perceived they could not prevail, they let me alone, as a singular odd Fellow.

I now began to pray and sing Psalms thrice every Day, besides Morning and Evening, and to fast every *Friday*, and to receive the Sacrament at a Parish-Church near our College, and at the Castle, where the despised *Methodists* used to receive once a Month.

The young Men, so called because they lived by Rule and Method, were then much talked of at *Oxford* I had heard of, and loved them before I came to the University; and so strenuously defended them, when I heard them reviled by the Students, that they began to think that I also in time should be one of them.

For above a Twelvemonth my Soul longed to be acquainted with them, and I was strongly inclined to follow their good Example, when I saw them go through a ridiculing Croud to receive the holy Sacrament at *St. Mary's*.—At length God was pleased to open a Door. It hap-

happened that a poor Woman in one of the Workhouses had attempted to cut her Throat, but was happily prevented. Upon hearing of this, and knowing that both the Mr. *Wesleys* were ready to every good Work, I sent a poor aged Apple-woman of our College to inform Mr. *Charles Wesley* of it, charging her not to discover who sent her. She went; but, contrary to my Orders, told my Name. He having heard of my coming to the Castle and a Parish-Church Sacrament, and having met me frequently walking by myself, followed the Woman when she was gone away, and sent an Invitation to me by her, to come to Breakfast with him the next Morning.

I thankfully embraced the Opportunity.—He put into my Hands Professor *Frank's* Treatise against the Fear of Man; and in a short Time let me have another Book, intitled, *The Life of God in the Soul of Man*.

At my first reading it, I wondered what the Author meant by saying, “That some falsely placed Religion in going to Church, doing hurt to no one, being constant in the Duties of the Closet, and now and then reaching out their Hands to give Alms to their poor Neighbours.”—Alas! thought I, “If this be not Religion, what is?” God soon shewed me. For in reading a few Lines further, that “true Religion was an Union of the Soul with God or Christ formed within us,” a Ray of divine Light instantaneously darted in upon my Soul, and from that Moment, but not till then, did I know that I must be a new Creature.

Upon this I had no Rest till I wrote Letters to

my Relations, acquainting them there was such a Thing as the *New-Birth*.—I imagined they would have gladly received them.—But alas! they thought that I was going besides myself, and by their Letters confirmed me in the Resolutions I had taken not to go down into the Country, but continue where I was, lest that by any Means the good Work which God had begun in my Soul, might be obstructed.

From time to time Mr. *Charles Wesley* engaged me to come unto him; and by Degrees he introduced me to the rest of the Methodists. Like them, I now began to live by Rule, and to pick up the very Fragments of my Time, that not a Moment of it might be lost. Whether I eat or drank, or whatsoever I did, I endeavoured to do all to the Glory of God. Like them, having no weekly Sacrament (altho' the Rubric required it) at our own College, I received every Sunday at *Christ-Church*. I joined with them in fasting *Wednesdays* and *Fridays*, and gradually engaged to visit the Sick and the Prisoners, and to read to poor People, till I made it a Custom, as most of them did, to spend an Hour every Day in outward Acts of Charity.

The Course of my Studies I soon intirely changed; for whereas, before I was busied in studying the Dry Sciences, and Books that went no farther than the Surface, I now resolved to read only such as entered into the Heart of Religion, and which led me directly into an experimental Knowledge of *Jesus Christ*, and him crucified.

The first thing I was called to give up for His dear Name Sake, was what the World calls my fair Reputation; for I had no sooner received the
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Sacrament publickly on a Week-day at St. *Mary's*, but I was set up as a Mark for all the polite Students that knew me to shoot at. — Soon after I also incurred the Displeasure of the Master of the College, who frequently chid, and once threatened to expel me, if ever I visited the Poor again. — Being surprized by this Treatment, and over-awed by his Authority, I unadvisedly said, if it displeased him, I would not. — My Conscience soon pricked me for this sinful Compliance. — I immediately repented, and visited the Poor the first Opportunity.

My worthy Tutor being a moderate Man, did not oppose me; but I daily underwent some Contempt from the Collegians. Some have thrown Dirt at, and others took away their Pay from me. — And two Friends, that were very dear to me, soon grew shy of, and forsook me. — My inward Sufferings were of a more exercising Nature. — Sensible Comforts were soon withdrawn, and an horrible Fearfulness and Dread overwhelmed my Soul. — All Power of meditating, or even thinking, was taken from me. — My Memory quite failed me. — My whole Soul was barren and dry, and I could fancy myself to be like nothing so much as a Man locked up in Iron Armour. — Whenever I kneeled down, I felt great Pressures both in Soul and Body, and have often prayed under the Weight of them till the Sweat came through me. — God only knows how many Nights I have lain upon my Bed, groaning under what I felt. — Whole Days and Weeks have I spent in lying prostrate on the Ground, in silent or vocal Prayer; and, having no Body to shew me a better Way, I thought to get Peace and Purity by outward Austerities. —

Accordingly, by Degrees I began to leave off eating Fruits and such like, and gave the Money I usually spent in that Way to the Poor.—Afterward I always chose the worst Sort of Food, tho' my Place furnished me with Variety. I fasted twice a Week. My Apparel was mean; and I thought it unbecoming a Penitent to have his Hair powdered.—I wore woollen Gloves, and a patched Gown and dirty Shoes, and therefore looked upon myself as very humble.

For many Months I went on in this legal State; but finding Pride creeping in at the End of almost every Thought, Word and Action, and meeting with *Castaniza's Spiritual Combat*, in which he says, "That he that is employed in mortifying his Will, was as well employed as tho' he was converting *Indians*," or Words to that Effect, *Satan* so imposed upon my Understanding, that he persuaded me to shut myself up in my Study, till I could do good without feeling any Mixture of Corruption, lest in endeavouring to save others, as I did now, I should at last, by Pride and Self-complacence, lose myself.

Near five or six Weeks I had now spent in my Study, except when College Business obliged me to go down. During this Time I was fighting with my Corruptions, and did little else besides kneeling down by my Bed-side, feeling a heavy Pressure upon my Body, as well as an unspeakable Oppression of Mind, yet offering up my Soul to God, to do with me as it pleased him. It was now suggested to me, that *Jesus Christ* was amongst the wild Beasts when he was tempted, and that I ought to follow his Example;
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and being willing, as I thought, to imitate *Jesus Christ*, after Supper I went into *Christ-Church Walk*, near our College, and continued in silent Prayer under one of the Trees, kneeling upon my Knees, till the great Bell rung for Retirement to the College, not without finding some Reluctance with myself in staying so long in the Cold.

By this Time I had left off keeping my Diary, using my Forms, or scarce my Voice in Prayer, visiting the Prisoners, &c. Nothing remained for me to leave, unless I forsook publick Worship, but my religious Friends.—Now it was suggested that I must leave them all for *Christ's Sake*.—This was a sore Trial, but rather than not be, as I fancied, *Christ's Disciple*, I resolved to renounce them, tho' as dear to me as my own Soul.—Accordingly, the next Day being *Wednesday*, whereon we kept one of our weekly Fasts, instead of meeting with my Brethren as usual, I went out into the Fields, and prayed silently by myself.—Our Evening Meeting I neglected also, and went not to Breakfast according to Appointment, with Mr. *Charles Wesley* the Day following.—This, with many other concurring Circumstances, made him suspect something more than ordinary was the Matter. He came to my Room, apprized me of my Danger if I would not take Advice; and recommended me to his Brother *John*, Fellow of *Lincoln-College*, as more experienced than himself. God gave me a teachable Temper; I waited upon his Brother, who advised me to resume all my Externals, though not to *depend* on them in the least, and from time to time he gave me Directions as my pitiable State required.

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Having now taken up my Externals, I began again to visit the Poor.—A few Days after, as I was walking along, I met with a Woman, whose Husband was then in *Oxford Town-Gaol*.—Seeing her much discomposed, I enquired the Cause. She told me, that not being able to bear the Crying of her Children, ready to perish for Hunger, and having nothing to relieve them, she had been to drown herself, but was mercifully prevented, and said she was coming to my Room to inform me of it.—I gave her some immediate Relief, and desired her to meet me at the Prison with her Husband in the Afternoon.—She came, and there God visited them both by his free Grace.—She was powerfully quickened from above; and when I had done reading, he also came to me like the trembling Gaoler, and grasping my Hand, cried out, “I am upon the Brink of Hell!”—From this Time forward both of them grew in Grace. God, by his Providence, soon delivered the Man from his Confinement.—Tho’ notorious Offenders against God and one another before, yet now they became Helps meet for each other in the great Work of their Salvation, and, I trust, will be my Joy and Crown of rejoicing in the great Day of our Lord *Jesus*.

Soon after this the *Lent* came on, which our Friends kept very strictly, eating no Flesh during the six Weeks, except on *Saturdays* and *Sundays*. I abstained frequently on *Saturdays* also, and ate nothing on the other Days, (except on *Sunday*) but Sage-tea without Sugar, and coarse Bread. I likewise constantly walked out in the cold Mornings, till Part of one of my Hands was quite black. This, with my continued Abstinence, and inward Conflicts, at length so emaciated my
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Body, that at Passion-week, finding I could scarce creep up Stairs, I was obliged to inform my kind Tutor of my Condition, who immediately sent for a Physician to me.

This caused no small Triumph amongst the Gownsmen, who began to cry out, “What is his Fasting come to now?” But however, notwithstanding my Fit of Sickness continued six or seven Weeks, I trust I shall have Reason to bless God for it, through the endless Ages of Eternity.—For, about the End of the seventh Week, after having undergone innumerable Buffetings of Satan, and many Months inexpressible Trials by Night and Day under the Spirit of Bondage, God was pleased at length to remove the heavy Load, to enable me to lay hold on his dear Son by a living Faith, and by giving me the Spirit of Adoption, to seal me, as I humbly hope, even to the Day of everlasting Redemption.

But Oh! with what Joy, Joy unspeakable, even Joy that was full of and big with Glory, was my Soul filled, when the Weight of Sin went off; and an abiding Sense of the pardoning Love of God, and a full Assurance of Faith broke in upon my disconsolate Soul!—Surely it was the Day of my Espousals, a Day to be had in everlasting Remembrance.—At first my Joys were like a Spring-tide; and as it were overflowed the Banks. Go where I would, I could not avoid singing of Psalms almost aloud; afterwards it became more settled, and, blessed be God, saving a few casual Intervals, have abode and encreased in my Soul ever since.

But to proceed.—The Days of my Mourning being thus ended, and my bodily Strength some-
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what restored, the Physician and some others, were still urging me to go into the Country, hoping thereby to divert me, as they thought, from a too intense Application to Religion.—I resisted for some Time; but finding at length it was necessary for my Health, and many other providential Circumstances pointing out my Way, after earnest Prayer for Support, by the Advice of my religious Friends, I left my sweet Retirement at *Oxford*, and went to *Gloucester*, the Place of my Nativity.

“ I will endeavour either to find or make a “ Friend,” had been my Resolution for some Time; and therefore, immediately upon my coming down after importunate Prayer, I resolved to go to the House of one, to whom I had formerly read Plays, Spectators, *Pope's Homer*, and such like Books,—hoping the Alteration she now would find in my Sentiments, might, under God, influence her Soul.—She received the Word gladly, and soon became a Fool for *Christ's* Sake.—Not long after, God made me instrumental to awaken several more young Persons, who soon formed themselves into a little Society, and had quickly the Honour of being despised at *Gloucester*, as we had been before them at *Oxford*: Thus, *all* that will live godly in *Jesus Christ*, must suffer Persecution.

My Mind being now more open and enlarged, I began to read the holy Scriptures (upon my Knees) laying aside all other Books, and praying over, if possible, every Line and Word.—This proved Meat indeed, and Drink indeed, to my Soul.—I daily received fresh Life, Light, and Power from above; and found it profitable for Reproof, for Correction, for Instruction in
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Righteousness, every Way sufficient to make the Man of God perfect, throughly furnished unto every good Word and Work.

During my Absence from *Oxford*, I spent three Weeks at *Bristol*, whither I went to see some Relations, but could not do them much Good, because of the Prejudices they had conceived against me.—However, I daily walked with God, and going to visit a Relation, then in one of the Alms-houses, God brought in my Way a young Woman, who was hungering and thirsting after Righteousness. She received the Word into an honest and good Heart, and since has proved a true Follower of *Jesus Christ*.

According to His abundant Mercy he also raised me up some temporal Supplies. Those I expected should assist me, did not; but Persons I never spoke to, and who, I thought, were my Enemies, were raised up to supply my Wants, and thereby helped to fulfil that Promise which I always pleaded, “ Seek first the Kingdom of God and his Righteousness, and all these Things shall be added unto you.”

In a short Time after my coming down, I began to read to some poor People twice or thrice a Week; and having leave given me by the Keeper and the two Ordinaries, I soon after constantly read to and prayed with the poor Prisoners in the County Gaol every Day.—One of the Poor whom I visited in this Manner, was called effectually by God as at the eleventh Hour: She was a Woman about threescore Years old, and I really believe, died in the true Faith of *Jesus Christ*.

Here also God enabled me to give a publick Testimony of my Repentance as to seeing or
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acting Plays.—For hearing the Strollers were coming to Town, and knowing what an egregious Offender I had been that Way, I extracted Mr. Law's Pamphlet, intitled, *The absolute Unlawfulness of the Stage Entertainment*.—This was put into the *Gloucester Journal* for six Weeks successively, and GOD was pleased to give it his Blessing.—

Being now about twenty-one Years of Age, some began to enquire when I was to take Orders; but that Saying of the Apostle, “Not a Novice, lest being puffed up with Pride, he fall into the Condemnation of the Devil;” And that first Question of our excellent Ordination Office, “Do you trust that you are *inwardly moved* by the Holy Ghost to take upon you this Office and Administration?” used even to make me tremble whenever I thought of entering into the Ministry.—With strong Cryings and Tears I have often said, “Lord, I am a Youth of uncircumcised Lips; Lord, send me not into the Vineyard yet.”

To my Prayers I added my Endeavours, and wrote Letters to my Friends at *Oxford*, beseeching them to pray to GOD to disappoint the Designs of my Country Friends, who were for my taking Orders as soon as possible. Their Answer was; “Pray we the Lord of the Harvest to send thee and many more Labourers into his Harvest.” But this did not satisfy me. I still continued instant in Prayer against going into Orders so soon, and was not thoroughly convinced it was the divine Will, till GOD, by his Providence, brought me acquainted with Dr. *Benjon*, the late worthy Bishop of *Gloucester*, who one Afternoon as I was coming from the Cathedral Prayers,

Prayers, sent one of the Vergers to inform me that his Lordship desired to speak with me. I immediately turned back, and imagining it was to chide me, I began to consider what I had done to incur his Lordship's Displeasure. But, to my great Surprize, when I came to the Top of the Palace Stairs, the Bishop took me by the Hand, told me he was glad to see me, and bid me to wait a little till he had put off his Habit, and he would return to me again.

At his coming into the Room, his Lordship was pleased to say, that he had heard of my Character, liked my Behaviour at Church, and enquiring my Age, added, "Notwithstanding I have declared I would not ordain any one under three and twenty, yet I shall think it my Duty to ordain you whenever you come for holy Orders."

Before I came home, this News of the Bishop's sending for me had reached my Friends, who, being fond of my having such a great Man's Favour, were very solicitous to know the Event of my Visit.—Many things I hid from them; but when they pressed me hard, I was obliged to tell them, how the Bishop, of his own Accord, had offered to give me Orders whenever I would.—On which they, knowing how I had depended on the Declaration his Lordship had made some time ago, that he would ordain none under three and twenty, said (and I then began to think so myself) "That if I held out any longer, I should fight against God."—At length I came to a Resolution, by God's Leave, to offer myself for holy Orders the next Ember-days.

The only Thing now in Dispute was, into what Part of the Lord's Vineyard I should be
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sent to labour first.—God had given me much Success in *Gloucester*, and my Friends being desirous of having me near them, I had Thoughts of settling amongst them. But when I came to *Oxford*, my Friends urged several Reasons for my continuing at the University.—“The Mr. *Wesleys* had not long been gone abroad, and now no one was left to take care of the Prison Affairs,” &c.—They further urged, “That God had blessed my Endeavours *there* as well as at *Gloucester*; that the University was the Fountain-head; that every Gownsmen’s Name was Legion, and that if I should be made instrumental in converting one of *them*, it would be as much as converting a whole Parish.” At the same Time (unknown to me) some of them sent to that great and good Man, the late Sir *John Philips*, who was a great Encourager of the *Oxford* Methodists: And though he had never seen, but only heard of me, yet he sent word he would allow me thirty Pounds a Year, if I would continue at the University. Upon this, finding the Care of the Prisoners would be no more than, under God, I could undertake with Pleasure, and knowing the University was the best Place to prosecute my Studies in, I resolved, God willing, to wait at *Oxford* for a Blessing on the first Fruits of my ministerial Labours.

In the mean while, having before made some Observations upon the Thirty-nine Articles, and proved them by the Scriptures (at least to my own Satisfaction,) I strictly examined myself by the Qualifications required for a Minister in *St. Paul’s* Epistle to *Timothy*, and also by every Question that I knew was to be publickly put to me at the Time of my Ordination. This latter

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I drew out in Writing at large, and sealed my Approbation of it every Sunday at the blessed Sacrament.—At length *Trinity-Sunday* being near at hand, and having my Testimonials from the College, I went a Fortnight before-hand to *Gloucester*, intending to compose some Sermons, and to give myself more particularly to Prayers.

About three Days before the Time appointed for Ordination, the Bishop came to Town. The next Evening I sent his Lordship an Abstract of my private Examination upon these two Questions, *Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you this Office and Administration! And, Are you called according to the Will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Laws of this Realm?* The next Morning I waited on the Bishop. He received me with much Love, telling me, “He was glad I was come; that he was satisfied with the Preparation I had made, and with the Allowance given me by Sir *John Philips*. I had myself (said he) made Provision for you of two little Parishes; but since you choose to be at *Oxford*, I am very well pleased.”—

This, I think, was on *Friday*. The Day following I continued in Abstinence and Prayer.—In the Evening I retired to a Hill near the Town, and prayed fervently for about two Hours, in behalf of myself and those that were to be ordained with me.—On *Sunday* Morning I rose early, and prayed over *St. Paul's* Epistle to *Timothy*, and more particularly over *that* Precept, *Let no one despise thy Youth*.—And when the Bishop laid his Hands upon my Head, if my vile Heart doth not deceive me, I offered up my whole Spirit, Soul, and Body, to the Service of God's Sanctuary:
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and afterwards sealed the good Confession I had made before many Witnesses, by partaking of the holy Sacrament of our Lord's most blessed Body and Blood!

Having been thus ordained at *Gloucester*, on *Trinity Sunday*, 1736, and preached my Sermon on the *Necessity and Benefit of religious Society*, to a very crowded Auditory in the Church in which I was baptized the Lord's Day following, I set out the next *Wednesday* to *Oxford*, where I was received with great Joy by my religious Friends. — For about a Week I continued in my Servitor's Habit, and then took my Degree of *Bachelor of Arts*, after having been at the University three Years and three Quarters, and going on towards the 22d Year of my Age. — The Subscriptions for the poor Prisoners (which amounted to about *Forty Pounds* per Annum) were soon put into my Hands. — Two or Three small Charity-Schools, maintained by the *Methodists*, were under my more immediate Inspection, which, with the Time I spent in following my Studies, private Retirement, and religious Converse, sweetly filled up the whole of my Day, and kept me from that unaccountable, but too common, Complaint of having any Time hang upon my Hands.

In a short Time I began to be more than content in my present State of Life, and had Thoughts of abiding at the University, at least for some Years, to finish my Studies, and do what good I could amongst the poor despised *Methodists*. — But *God's Thoughts are not as our Thoughts, neither are our Ways as his Way*: — Whilst I was an Undergraduate, amongst other religious Friends, I was very intimate with the

Revd. Mr. B—n, who had lately taken Orders, and was Curate at the *Tower* in *London*.—He mentioned me to good Sir *Jehu Philips*; and being called down for a while to officiate in *Hampshire*, he wrote to me to be of good Courage, and, in the Strength of God, bid me hasten to Town to officiate for him at the *Tower* in his Absence, and be refreshed with the Sight and Conversation of many who loved me for CHRIST's sake, and had for a long Time desired to see me.

On *Wednesday August 4th*, with Fear and Trembling I obeyed the Summons, and went in the Stage-Coach to *London*, and the *Sunday* following, in the Afternoon, preach'd at *Bishopgate Church*.—As I went up the Pulpit Stairs almost all seem'd to sneer at me on Account of my Youth; but they soon grew serious in the Time of preaching; and after I came down, shewed me great Tokens of Respect, blessed me as I passed along, and made great Enquiry who I was.—The Question no one could answer; for I was quite a Stranger; and, by speedily passing through the Crowd, returned to the *Tower* without having my Name discovered.

Here I continued for the Space of two Months, reading Prayers twice a Week, catechising and preaching once, besides visiting the Soldiers in the Infirmary and Barracks daily. I also read Prayers every Evening at *Whipping Chapel*; and preached at *Ludgate Prison* every *Tuesday*.—God was pleased to give me Favour in the Eyes of the Inhabitants of the *Tower*. The Chapel was crowded on Lord's Days. Religious Friends from divers Parts of the Town attended the Word, and several young Men came on Lord's-
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Day Morning under serious Impressions, to hear me discourse about the *New-Birth*.

After I had been about a Month in Town, Letters came from the Revd. Mr. *Wesleys*, and Mr. *Ingham* their Fellow-Labourer, from *Georgia*.—Their Accounts fired my Soul, and made me even long to go abroad for GOD too. But having no outward Call, and being, as I then thought, too weak in Body ever to undertake a Voyage to Sea, I endeavoured to lay aside all Thoughts of going abroad.—But my Endeavours were all in vain—For I felt at times such a strong Attraction in my Soul towards *Georgia*, that I thought it almost irresistible.—I strove against it with all my Power, begged again and again with many Cries and Tears, that the Lord would not suffer me to be deluded, and at length opened my Mind to several dear Friends.—All agreed, that Labourers were wanted at Home; that I had as yet no visible Call abroad; and that it was my Duty not to be rash, but wait and see what Providence might point out to me.—To this I consented with my whole Heart, and having stayed in *London* till Mr. *B——n* came out of the Country, I returned to my little Charge at *Oxford*, and waited upon my Deaconship according to the Measure of Grace imparted to me.

But, oh what a delightful Life did I lead there! What Communion did I daily enjoy with God! And how sweetly did my Hours in private glide away in reading and praying over Mr. *Henry's* Comment upon the Scripture! Whilst I am musing on and writing about it, the Fire I then felt again kindles in my Soul—Nor was I alone happy—For several dear Youths were quickened greatly,

greatly, and met daily at my Room, to build up each other in their most holy Faith—God raised up Friends for our temporal Support—The late Right Honourable Lady *Betty Hastings*, that elect Lady, allowed some of them two or three small Exhibitions.—I also partook of her Ladyship's Bounty; and a Gentleman, whose Heart was in an especial Manner knit to me when at *London*, was stirred up, without being solicited, to send me not only Money for the Poor, but also a Sufficiency to discharge a small Debt I had contracted for Books before I took my Degree.

About the Middle of *November* following, Providence once more called me from my beloved, though little, Scene of Action.—The Revd. Mr. *Kinchin*, now with God, had lately been awakened, and accordingly resolved to associate with the despised *Methodists*, determining to know nothing but *JESUS CHRIST*, and him crucified.—He was then Minister of *Dummer* in *Hampshire*, and being likely to be chosen Dean of *Corpus Christi* College, he desired me to come and officiate for him, till that Affair should be decided.—By the Advice of Friends, I went, and he came to supply my Place at *Oxford*.—His Parish consisting chiefly of poor and illiterate People, my proud Heart at first could not well brook it. I would have given all the World for one of my *Oxford* Friends, and mourned for lack of them like a Dove.—But upon giving myself to Prayer, and reading Mr. *Law's* excellent Character of *Ouraniu*, in his *Serious Call to a Devout Life*, my Mind was reconciled to such Conversation as the Place afforded me.—Before I came to *Dummer*, Mr. *Kinchin* had used his People, according to the

Rubrick, to have publick Prayers twice a Day, viz. In the Morning, it being the Winter-season, before it was Light, and in the Evening after the People had returned from their Work. He also catechised the Children daily, and visited from House to House.—He loved his People, and was beloved by them.—I prosecuted his Plan, and generally divided the Day into three Parts, eight Hours for Study and Retirement, eight Hours for Sleep and Meals, and eight Hours for reading Prayers, catechising, and visiting the Parish.—The Profit I reaped by these Exercises, and conversing with the poor Country People, was unspeakable.—I soon began to be as much delighted with their artless Conversation, as I had been formerly with the Company of my *Oxford* Friends; and frequently learnt as much by an Afternoon's Visit, as in a Week's Study.—

During my Stay here, an Invitation was sent me to a very profitable Curacy in *London*; but I had no Inclination to accept it.—The Thoughts of going to *Georgia* still crowded continually in upon me, and at length Providence seemed to point my Way thither. About the Middle of *December*, comes a Letter from Mr. *B——n*, informing me, that Mr. *Charles Wesley* was arrived at *London*. Soon after came a Letter from Mr. *Charles* himself, wherein he informed me, that he was come over to procure Labourers; but, added he, *I dare not prevent God's Nominacion.*—In a few Days after this, came another Letter from Mr. *John Wesley*, wherein were these Words: *Only Mr. Delamott is with me, till God shall stir up the Hearts of some of his Servants, who putting their Lives in his Hands, shall come over and help us, where the Harvest is so*

eat, and the Labourers so few. What if thou art the Man, Mr. Whitefield? In another Letter were these Words: Do you ask me what you shall have? Food to eat, and Raiment to put on, a House to lay your Head in such as your Lord had not; and a Crown of Glory that fade not away. Upon reading this my Heart leaped within me, and, as it were, ecchoed to the Call.—Many Things concurred to make my Way clear. Mr. Kinchin was now elected Dean of *Corpus Christi College*, and being thereby obliged to reside at *Oxford*, he willingly took upon him the Charge of the Prisoners.—Mr. *Harvey* was ready to serve the Cure of *Dummer*. Mr. *Wesley* was my dear Friend.—*Georgia* was an infant, and likely to be an encreasing Colony.—The Government seemed to have its Welfare much at Heart; and as I had heard many *Indians* were near it, I thought it a Matter of great Importance, that serious Clergymen should be sent over.—A Voyage to Sea would, in all Probability, not do my Constitution much Hurt; nay, I had heard the Sea was sometimes beneficial to weakly People: And supposing the worst, as I must necessarily return to take Priest's Orders, it would then be left to my Choice, whether I would fix in my native Country, or go abroad any more.——Things being thoroughly weighed and prayed over, I at length resolved within myself to embark for *Georgia*: And knowing that I should never put my Resolution into Practice, if I conferred with Flesh and Blood, I wrote to my Relations to inform them of my Design, and withal told them, “If they would promise not to dissuade me from my intended Voyage, I would come and take a personal Leave of them; if

otherwise, knowing my own Weakness, I was determined to embark without visiting them at all." A few Days after Mr. *Kinbin* came to *Dummer*, and introduced Mr. *Hervey* into the Cure.—I apprised them of my Intention.—They gave me some friendly Council, and having spent the Beginning of *Christmas* sweetly together, and taken an affectionate Leave of the *Dummer* People, I returned once more to *Oxford*, to bid adieu to my Friends, who were as dear to me as my own Soul.—My Resolution at first a little shocked them; but having Reason to think from my Relation of Circumstances that I had a Call from Providence, most of them said, *The Will of the Lord be done.*

On *New-Years-Day*, 1736-7, I went to *Gloucester* in order to hear the Bishop's Opinion, and to take my Leave of my Mother, and other Relations.—His Lordship received me, as he always did, like a Father, approved of my Design, wished me much Success, and said, "He did not doubt but God would bless me, and that I should do much Good abroad." My own Relations at first were not so passive. My aged Mother wept sore, and others urged what pretty Preferment I might have, if I would stay at Home—But at length they grew more quiet, and finding me fixed, gainsayed no longer.—During my Stay here, I began to grow a little popular. Congregations were very large, and the Power of God attended the Word.

In about three Weeks I went to *Bristol*, to take leave of some more of my Relations who lived there.—As it was my constant Practice, go where I would, to attend on the daily publick Offices of the Church, I went to hear a Sermon at

at St. John's Church. Whilst the Psalm was singing after Prayers, the Minister came to my Seat, and asked me to give the Congregation a Sermon. Having my Notes about me, I complied. The next Day there was another Lecture at St. Stephen's. The Lecturer again asked me to preach. I again complied, and the Alarm given hereby was so general, that on the following Lord's-Day, many of all Denominations were obliged to return from the Churches, where I was invited to preach, for want of Room. Afterwards I was appointed by the Mayor to preach before him, and the Corporation. And for some time following, I preached all the Lectures on Week-Days, and twice on *Sundays*, besides visiting the religious Societies. The Word, thro' the mighty Power of God, was sharper than a two-edged Sword; and the Doctrine of the *New Birth* and *Justification* by *Faith* in *Jesus Christ* made its Way, like Lightning, into the Hearers Consciences.

During my Stay at *Bristol*, I made a little Elopement to *Bath*, where I was kindly received, and preached at the Abbey-Church twice.

It was now about the Middle of *February*. *Lent* was at Hand, and I was obliged to be at *Oxford* to perform the Remainder of my College-Exercise, which they call *Determining*. Having staid about ten Days at the University, I took, as I thought, my last Farewel of my dear Friends, and came up to *London* in the Beginning of *March*, in order to wait upon *James Oglethorp*, Esq; and the Honourable *Trustees*. I was kindly received by both. The former introduced me to his Grace the late *Archbishop* of *Canterbury*; and the Revd. Mr. *Arthur Bedford*, at the *Desire*

of the latter, (with whom I dined at their publick Anniversary) went with me to the then Lord Bishop of *London*. Both approved of my going abroad; the former was pleased to say, "He would take particular Notice of such as went to *Georgia*, if they did not go out of any sinister View." This put me upon Enquiry what were my Motives in going? And, after the strictest Examination, my Conscience answered, *Not to please any Man living upon Earth, nor out of any sinister View; but simply to comply with what I believe to be thy Will, O God, and to promote thy Glory, thou great Shepherd and Bishop of Souls.*

I continued at *London* about three Weeks, waiting for Mr. *Oglethorp*, who expected to sail every Day. In this Season I preached more frequently than when there before. Many more came to hear me, and the last *Sunday* I was in Town, I read Prayers twice, and preached four times: But finding Mr. *Oglethorp* was not likely to go for some time, and having lain under particular Obligation to the Revd. Mr. *Sampson Harris*, Minister of *Stone-House*, in *Gloucestershire*, I went down thither, at his Request, to supply his Place, whilst he came up to dispatch some Affairs in Town.

Hither I had Reason to think God sent me in Answer to Prayer: For there was a little sweet Society of seeking Souls, who had heard me preach at an adjacent Town, and wrestled with God, if it was his Will, to send me amongst them. They received me with all Joy, and most of the Parishioners were very civil, when I came to visit them from House to House. Upon Examination I found them more knowing than
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I expected. Their Pastor had used to catechise the little Ones in the Summer-season, and expound the four Lessons every Lord's-Day in the Church. I followed his good Example, and found great Freedom and Assistance given me both in my publick and private Administrations. Having the Use of the Parsonage House, I expounded every Night. Many that were not Parishioners came to hear, and were edified. On *Sundays*, besides expounding the Lessons, catechising and preaching, I repeated my Sermons to the Society. Neither Church or House could contain the People that came. I found uncommon Manifestations granted me from above. Early in the Morning, at Noon-Day, Evening, and Midnight; nay all the Day long, did the blessed JESUS visit and refresh my Heart. Could the Trees of a certain Wood, near *Stone-House*, speak, they would tell what sweet Communion I and some more dear Souls enjoyed with the ever blessed God there. Sometimes as I have been walking, my Soul would make such Sallies that I thought it would go out of the Body. At other times I would be so overpowered with a Sense of God's infinite Majesty, that I would be constrained to throw myself prostrate on the Ground, and offer my Soul as a Blank in his Hands, to write on it what he pleased. One Night was a Time never to be forgotten. It happened to lighten exceedingly. I had been expounding to many People, and some being afraid to go Home, I thought it my Duty to accompany them, and improve the Occasion, to stir them up to prepare for the coming of the Son of Man: But O what did my Soul feel! In my Return to the Parsonage-House, whilst others were rising from their

Beds, and frightened almost to Death, to see the Lightning run upon the Ground, and shine from one Part of the Heaven unto the other, I and another, a poor, but pious, Countryman, were in the Field praising, praying to, and exulting in our God, and longing for that Time, when JESUS should be revealed from Heaven in a Flame of Fire! Oh that my Soul may be in a like Frame, when he shall actually come to call me!—Every Week the Congregations increased; and on *Ascension-Day*, when I took my Leave, their Sighs and Tears almost broke my Heart. Many cried out with *Ruth*, *Whither thou goest I will go, where thou lodgest I will lodge*. But I only took one with me, who proved a good Servant, and is, I believe, a true Follower of our ever blessed JESUS.

The Incumbent being returned from *London*, and the People of *Bristol* having given me repeated Invitations, nay having insisted upon my coming again, since the Time of my embarking was deferred; on *May 23d*, I paid them a second Visit. Multitudes came on Foot, and many in Coaches a Mile without the City to meet me, and almost all saluted and blessed me as I went along the Street. Upon my coming here, I received Letters from *London*, informing me, that Mr. *Ogtherp* would not embark these two Months. This gladden'd many Hearts, though I cannot say it did mine; because I counted the Hours, as it were, till I went abroad. I preached, as usual, about five times a Week; but the Congregations grew, if possible, larger and larger. Some hung upon the Rails of the Organ-Loft, others climbed upon the Leads of the Church, and all together made the Church itself so hot with

with their Breath, that the Steam would fall from the Pillars like Drops of Rain. Sometimes almost as many would go away for want of Room as came in, and it was with great Difficulty I got into the Desk to read Prayers, or preach. Persons of all Ranks and Denominations flocked to hear. A private Society or two were erected. I preached and collected for the poor Prisoners in *Newgate* twice or thrice a Week, and large Offers were made me if I would not go abroad.

During my Stay here, I paid another Visit to *Bath*, and preached three Times in the *Abbey-Church*, and once in *Queen's-Chapel*. People crowded, and were affected as at *Bristol*. And God stirred up some elect Ladies to give upwards of a *hundred and sixty Pounds* for the Poor of *Georgia*.

June 21, I took my last Farewel of *Bristol*. But when I came to tell them, it might be that they would *see my Face no more*, high and low, young and old, burst into such a Flood of Tears, as I had never seen before : Drops fell from their Eyes like Rain, or rather gushed out like Water. Multitudes, after Sermon, followed me home weeping; and the next Day I was employed from seven in the Morning till Midnight, in talking and giving spiritual Advice to awakened Souls.

About three the next Morning, having thrown myself on the Bed for an Hour or two, I set out for *Gloucester*, because I heard that a great Company on Horseback and in Coaches, intended to see me out of Town. Some finding themselves disappointed, followed me thither, where I staid a few Days, and preached to a very crowded

Auditory. Then I went on to *Oxford*, where we had, as it were, a general Rendezvous of the *Methodists*; and, finding their Interests flourishing, and being impatient to go abroad, I hastened away, after taking a most affectionate Leave, and came to *London* about the End of *August*.—

About this Time, through the Importunity of Friends, and Aspersions of Enemies, I was prevailed upon to print my Sermon *on the Nature and Necessity of our Regeneration or New-Birth in CHRIST JESUS*, which, under God, began the awakening at *Gloucester, Gloucestershire, Bristol, and London*. A second Impression was soon called for; and finding another of my Sermons was printed without my Leave, and in a very incorrect Manner, at *Bristol*, I was obliged to publish the Original in my own Defence, and afterwards thought myself warranted to print any other Discourses though in themselves mean, that I found blessed to the Good of Souls.

But to return to my publick Administrations. Being determined to abide in *London* till the Time of my Departure, I followed my usual Practice of reading and praying over the Word of God upon my Knees. Sweet was this Retirement to my Soul, but it was not of long Continuance. Invitations were given me to preach at several Places.—The Stewards and Members of the religious Societies were very fond of hearing me. I was invited to preach at *Cripplegate, St. Anne's, and Foster-lane Churches*, at Six on the Lord's-day Morning, and to assist in administering the holy Sacrament. I embraced the Invitations, and so many came, that sometimes we were obliged to consecrate fresh Elements

ments twice or thrice, and the Stewards found it somewhat difficult to carry the Offerings to the Communion-table.—I also preached at *Wapping Chapel, the Tower, Ludgate, Newgate,* and many of the Churches where weekly Lectures were kept up. The Congregations continually increased, and generally, of a Lord's-day, I used to preach four Times to very large and very affected Auditories, besides reading Prayers twice or thrice, and walking, perhaps, twelve Miles in going backwards and forwards from one Church to the other.—My kind Friends frequently said, *spare yourself*; but I found, by daily Experience, the more I did, the more I might do for God.

About the latter End of *August*, finding there were many young Men belonging to the Societies that attended my Administrations, I entered into one of their singing Societies, hoping thereby to have greater Opportunities of doing them Good. It answered my Design—Our Lord gave me to spiritualize their Singing: And after they had taught me the *Gamut*, they would gladly hear me teach them the Mysteries of the *New-Birth*, and the *Necessity of living to God*.—Many delightful Evenings did we spend together in this Way. And many of these Youths afterwards, to all Appearance, walked with God, and will, I trust, join the heavenly ~~One~~ in singing Praises to the Lamb, and him that sitteth upon the Throne for ever.

About the Middle of *September*, my Name was first put into the publick *News-Papers*, but upon what particular Occasion I cannot now recollect. The *Sunday* before, with great Reluctance, I was prevailed on to preach a *Cha-*
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rity Sermon at *Wapping Chapel*. The Congregation was very large, and more was collected than had been for many Years upon a like Occasion. This got Air ; my Friends improved the Occasion, and intreated me to preach another Charity Sermon at *Sir George Wheeler's Chapel*. I absolutely refused ; but at length, through the Importunity of a Friend, preached upon the *Widow's giving her two Mites*. God so bowed the Hearts of the Hearers, that almost all, as I was told by the Collectors, gave most willingly.—This still drew on fresh Applications. The *Sunday* following I preached in the Evening at *St. Swithen's*, where *eight Pounds* were collected, instead of *ten Shillings*. The next Morning, as I was at Breakfast with a Friend at the *Tower*, I read in one of the *News-Paper*, That there was a young Gentleman going *Voluntier to Georgia*: That he had preached at *St. Swithen's*, and collected *eight Pounds*, instead of *ten Shillings*; *three Pounds* of which were in *Halfpence*: And that he was to preach next *Wednesday* before the Societies, at their *General Quarterly Meeting*. This Advertisement chagrined me very much.—I immediately sent to the Printer, desiring he would put me in his Paper no more.—His Answer was, That he was paid for doing it, and that he would not lose two Shillings for any body. By this means Peoples Curiosity was stirred up more and more.—On the *Wednesday* Evening *Bow-Church* in *Cheapside* was crouded exceedingly.—I preached my Sermon on early Piety, and, at the Request of the Societies, printed it.—Henceforwards, for near three Months successively, there was no End of Peoples flocking to hear the Word of
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GOD—The Church-Wardens, and Managers of the Charity-Schools, perceiving what Effect my Preaching had upon the Populace, were continually applying to me to preach for the Benefit of the Children.—And as I was to embark shortly, they procured the Liberty of the Churches on the Week-days.—And sometimes Constables were obliged to be placed at the Doors, without and within.—One might, as it were, walk upon the Peoples Heads, and thousands went away from the largest Churches for want of Room.—They were all Attention when the Word was delivered, and heard like People hearing for Eternity.—I now preached generally nine Times a Week. The early Sacraments were exceeding awful. At *Cripplegate*, *St. Anne's*, and *Foster-lane*, O how often have we seen JESUS CHRIST crucified, and evidently set forth before us! On *Sunday* Mornings, long before Day, you might see Streets filled with People going to Church, with their Lanthorns in their Hands, and hear them conversing about the Things of God.—But as my Popularity and Usefulness increased, Opposition increased proportionably.—At first many of the Clergy were my Hearers and Admirers: But some soon grew angry, and Complaints were made, that the Churches were so crouded, that there was no Room for the Parishioners, and that the Pews were spoiled.—Some called me a Spiritual Pick-pocket, and others thought I made use of a Charm to get the Peoples Money.—A Report was spread abroad, that the Bishop of *London*, upon the Complaint of the Clergy, intended to *silence* me. I immediately waited upon his Lordship, and enquired whether any Complaint of this Nature had been lodged

lodged against me? He answered, *No*. I asked his Lordship, whether any Objection could be made against my Doctrine? He said, *No: For he knew a Clergyman who had heard me preach a plain Scriptural Sermon*. I asked his Lordship whether he would grant me a Licence? He said, *I needed none, since I was going to Georgia*. I replied, “Then your Lordship would not forbid me?” He gave me a satisfactory Answer, and I took my Leave.—Soon after this, two Clergymen sent for me, and told me, they would not let me preach in their Pulpits any more, unless I renounced that Part of the Preface of my Sermon on *Regeneration*, wherein I wished, *That my Brethren would entertain their Auditories oftener with Discourses upon the New-Birth*.—This I had no Freedom to do, and so they continued my Opposers.—What I believe irritated some of my Enemies the more, was my free Conversation with many of the serious Dissenters, who invited me to their Houses, and repeatedly told me, *That if the Doctrine of the New-Birth and Justification by Faith was preached powerfully in the Church, there would be but few Dissenters in England*.—My Practice in visiting and associating with them I thought was quite agreeable to the Word of God.—Their Conversation was favourable, and I judged the best Way to bring them over, was not by Bigotry and Railing, but Moderation and Love, and undissembled Holiness of Life.—But these Reasons were of no Avail.—One Minister called me *Pragmatical Rascal*, and vehemently inveighed against me and the whole Body of Dissenters together.—Nor was I without some Opposition even
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from my Friends, who were jealous over me with a Godly Jealousy.—However, the Lord (Oh infinite Condescension!) was pleased to be with and bless me Day by Day.—I had a sweet Knot of religious Intimates, with whom (sometime I think in *October*) we began to set apart an Hour every Evening, to intercede with the Great Head of the Church for carrying on the Work begun, and for the Circle of our Acquaintance, according as we knew their Circumstances required.—I was their Mouth unto God, and he only knows what Enlargement I felt in that divine Employ. Once we spent a whole Night in Prayer and Praise; and many a time at Midnight, and at one in the Morning, after I have been wearied almost to Death in Preaching, Writing, and Conversation, and going from Place to Place, God imparted new Life to my Soul, and the Sweetness of this Exercise made me compose my Sermon upon *Intercession*.

Christmas now drew near, and Notice being given me, that the Soldiers were almost ready to embark for *Georgia*, I was resolved to throw myself into the Hands of God, and go with them. But the nearer the Time of my Embarkation approached, the more affectionate and eager People grew.—All Ranks gave Vent to their Passions.—Thousands and Thousands of Prayers were put up for me.—They would run and stop me in the Allies of the Churches, hug me in their Arms, and follow me with wishful Looks.—Once in the *Christmas* before my Departure, with many others, I spent a Night in Prayer and Praise; and in the Morning helped to administer the Sacrament at *St. Dunstan's*,

as I used to do on Saints-days.—But such a Sacrament I never before saw.—The Tears of the Communicants mingled with the Cup, and had not JESUS given us some of his new Wine to comfort our Hearts, our parting would have been insupportable.—At length, after having preached in a good Part of the *London Churches*, collected about a thousand Pounds for the Charity-Schools, and got upwards of three hundred Pounds *Sterling* for the Poor of *Georgia* among my Friends (for which I have since publickly accounted) on *December 28, 1737*, and twenty-third Year of my Age, I left *London*, and went in the Strength of GOD as a poor Pilgrim on board the *Whitaker*. For an Account of what befel me there, and some following Years, I must refer thee, my dear Reader, to the annexed Journals.

Mr. *WHITE*.

Mr. *WHITEFIELD's* ..

JOURNAL S.

FROM

His first Embarking for *GEORGIA*,
by Way of *GIBRALTAR*, 1737,

TO

His first Return to *ENGLAND*, 1738.

ON *Wednesday, December 28, 1737*, having received the holy Sacrament at *St. Dunstan's*, being recommended to the Grace of *GOD* by a great Number of weeping Christian Brethren at the Reverend *Mr. H's*, I set out at Night for *Derbyford* in a Coach, where an aged Widow-woman gladly received me into her House; where many of my Friends, who came on Foot from *London*, gave me the Meeting. With them I took a little bodily Refreshment, spent two or three Hours in Intercession for our Friends and Enemies, and all Mankind; sung Psalms, and Hymns, and spiritual Songs, and then went comfortably to Rest. *Oh who can express the unspeakable Joy of religious Converse!*

Thursday, Dec. 29. Rose early in the Morning, and continued instant in Prayer, Chanting,
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and singing of Psalms with my Friends till nine. After this we went in quest of our Ship, but finding she was fallen down to *Purfleet*, and was not to remove to *Gravesend* for some Time, we returned to *Deptford*, praising God, and praying for a Blessing on the intended Voyage. *The LORD perform all our Petitions!*

Here we dined comfortably together, joined in a Psalm, read the Lessons for the Day, and concluded with Prayer. Some were then obliged to depart for *London*. After they were gone, my Heart being ready to break, I continued with the rest in particular Intercession for near two Hours, and then God was pleased to comfort my Soul. *If parting from a few earthly Friends for a Season be so grievous, what must it be to be parted from GOD and good Men for all Eternity?*

It happened providentially that a Lecture was to be preached that Evening at *Deptford*, and several importuned me to preach it. At first I was fearful, having no Notes: But afterwards (having got the Consent of the Minister) I went up, depending on his Promise, *Lo I am with you always, even unto the End of the World*; and was enabled to preach to a large Congregation without the least Hesitation. *Did any one ever trust in the LORD and was forsaken?*

Friday, Dec. 30. Went with our Baggage and nine or ten Friends in a *Gravesend* Boat to *Purfleet*, where the *Whitaker* was fallen down, and came on board about ten in the Morning, spoke some few Things to my new Charge, spent the Remainder of the Day on shore with my Friends, in singing Psalms, Prayer, and exhorting

horting one another to Love and good Works, and returned at Night to the Ship, and lay very comfortably upon the Ground on a Matress, in the great Cabin. *It is thou LORD that canst make us sleep in Safety.*—

Saturday, Dec. 31. Began this Morning to have public Prayers on open Deck, at which the Officers and Soldiers attended with Decency and Reverence. After Prayer, I enlarged a little on those Words of St. Paul, *I am determined to know nothing among you save JESUS CHRIST, and him crucified*; told them how my future Conduct would be, and then dismissed them I thought somewhat moved. *O that I may have Grace to act suitably to this Profession!*

To-day also I began to visit the Sick, and took that Opportunity of discoursing on the Uncertainty of Life, and the Certainty of a future Judgment; and GOD was pleased not to let my Words fall to the Ground.

About twelve, I went and paid my Friends a Visit, who were on Shore, and spent two or three delightful Hours in praising and blessing GOD.

Soon after came another Friend, with two more from *Gravesend*, desiring me, in the Name of the Minister, to come and preach there the following Lord's-day. At first I was unwilling to leave my own Flock in the Ship, but my Friends Reasonings over-balancing mine, I went on Board, read publick Prayers, visited the Sick, gave an Exhortation (at which the Soldiers were much affected), and then took Boat with them for *Gravesend*. The Evening was exceeding calm, the Sky clear, and all Things conspired to praise that high and lofty One that inhabiteth Eternity,

Eternity, who stretcheth forth the Heavens like a Curtain, and holdeth the Waters in the Hollow of his Hand.

Sunday, January 1. Rose early in the Morning, and retired to an adjacent Hill with my Friends to Prayer.—About Ten went to Church, and preached, and received the holy Sacrament, the Curate being so kind, at our Request, as to administer it.—In the Afternoon I preached again to a more numerous Congregation than in the Morning: And being to stay there but one Lord's Day, upon the Curate's readily consenting to lend the Pulpit, and my Friend's and the People's Importunity, I read Prayers and preached a third time at six in the Evening, to a very thronged Auditory.—*Blessed be GOD for this happy Beginning of the new Year!*

Monday, Jan. 2, 1737-8. Sat up till twelve at Night, to take leave of some of my Friends, whose Business obliged them to be at *London* the next Morning; and then, after three or four Hours Rest, rose and walked to *Greenbith* with the Remainder of my Friends.

About twelve I went on board, leaving them to dine on Shore; spent the Remainder of the Day visiting the Sick, teaching the Children, reading Prayers, and Preaching.

In the Evening went on Shore again to my Friends, prayed, sung Psalms, and expounded a Chapter out of the holy Scriptures, and was not a little comforted. *Praise the LORD, O my Soul.*

Tuesday, Jan. 3. This Evening began to read Prayers between Decks, judging it would be too cold above. Afterwards went, according to Custom, on Shore to *Gravesend*, where I was agreeably surpris'd by seeing my Friends once
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more, the Weather having prevented their going to *London*. Here also Mr. C. W. and Mr. W. H. gave me the Meeting, with whom we prayed, sung Psalms, commended one another to GOD, and parted the next Morning like Christian Brethren.

Wednesday, Jan. 4. Came on board at Ten in the Morning; but could not have publick Prayers, because the Soldiers were engaged with their Officer: But I visited the Sick, and perceived the Soldiers were attentive to hear, when I applied myself to those that stood around the sick Persons. I also distributed amongst the Sick some of my *London* Friends kind Presents, and afterwards went with Mr. H. in the Evening on Shore to *Gravesend*, where we interceded for Friends, expounded a Chapter, and went to Bed, with *that Peace of Mind which passeth all Understanding.*—*Oh that the sensual, careless, half-Christian could but know the Comforts of Religion!*

Thursday, Jan. 5. This Day I was refreshed in Spirit, by hearing from some *London* Friends, and begun to catechise six or seven of the young Soldiers on open Deck. I questioned whether they would submit to it: *But GOD has the Hearts of all Men in his Hands.*

Friday, January 6. Came on board about Nine, read Prayers, and preached between Decks. In the mean while the Ship loosed from *Gravesend*, and sailed by Noon to the *Nore*.

Having a brisk Gale, some of the Passengers began to be sick: But I felt very little of it; GOD enabled me to rejoice. My Heart was warmed by talking religiously to the Sailors, and I was so pleased, that I could have *watched unto Prayer*
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and Praise all Night.—*Oh for a praye-fu! praising Heart!*

Saturday, January 7. Breakfasted with some of the Gentlemen in the great Cabin, who were very civil, and let me put in a Word for GOD.

Read publick Prayers, and began to expound the *Lord's Prayer* to the Soldiers, by way of Sermon. After that I instructed my military Catechumens, who now amounted to twelve or thirteen. *GOD make them good Soldiers of CHRIST, as well as of the King!*

Had an Hour's Conversation with a Gentleman on board, on our Fall in *Adam*, and the Necessity of our New Birth in CHRIST JESUS, and hope it was not unpleasant to him.

Catechised those who went with me on open Deck, for Example to others. Captain *W.* the two Cadets, and Serjeants, sat very serious and attentive. But when the Captain of the Soldiers came, my Heart sunk a little.—*O Corruption, thou art my Sister!*

The Ship continued at the *Nore* all this Day; but I hope we made some Advances towards Eternity.—In the Evening the Wind blew very fresh indeed; and had our Ship been in the *Downs*, we should have been in Danger. *How wisely doth GOD provide for us!*

Sunday, Jan. 8. Went early and visited the Sea-sick Soldiers and their Families between Decks, gave them some Sage-Tea and Sugar, &c. and excited them all to Thankfulness and Repentance, out of Gratitude for their Preservation in the last Night's Gale; and returned publick Thanks at Morning Prayers.——Read publick Prayers, and preached twice to the Soldiers;

diers ; and read Prayers once in the Great Cabin to the Officers, at their own Request.

This being the first Lord's Day I have spent for a long Time in so private a manner, I could not avoid reflecting on the following Lines :

*I sigh when-e'er my musing Thoughts
 Those happy Days present,
 When I with Troops of pious Friends
 Thy Temple did frequent ;
 When I advanc'd with Songs of Praise,
 My solemn Vows to pay,
 And led the joyful sacred Throng
 That kept the Festal-Day.*

But I considered it was the Divine Will that placed me here, and therefore I rejoiced. *He is unworthy the Name of a Christian, who is not as willing to hide himself when GOD commands, as to act in a publick Capacity.*

Monday, Jan. 9. Weighed from the *Nore*, and failed before the Wind in company with several others, which carried us on so briskly, that we anchored before *Margate* about One. — After dinner, having some Necessaries to buy, I went on Shore. In the Boat was one of the most abandoned Men I ever saw : He had so much of the Devil in him, that the very Boat-Men, profane as they were, abhorr'd him. From whence I infer, that was the Devil himself to appear as he is, the most profane Sinners could not but detest him. — When I went into the Boat the Sea run high ; but

*God is our Refuge in Distress,
 A present Help when Dangers press ;*

*In him undoubted we'll confide,
Tho' Earth were from her Center t'ess'd,
And Mountains in the Ocean lost,
Torn piece-meal by the rearing Tide.*

—About Five we got safe to *Margate*, and after we had done our secular Business, we paid the Minister a Visit, who received us most courteously.—Our Conversation was such as tended to the Use of Edifying.—It ran chiefly upon the great Importance of the ministerial Function; the Necessity of Preaching up the Doctrine of the New Birth; and the Benefit of Visiting from House to House.

Tuesday, Jan. 10. Came on board about Eight this Morning, and found we had great Reason to be thankful that we were on Shore last Night: The Sailors told us that it lightned all Night; that the Storm was great, and the Ship's Long-boat lost.—At publick Prayers I returned Thanks for our Deliverance, and by Way of Sermon explained the Second Article of the *Creed*, which I began Yesterday. Did the same after Evening Prayers. Spent the Remainder of the Day in writing Letters and visiting the Sick, who increased on my Hands, but were very thankful for furnishing them with Sage-tea, Sugar, Broth, &c. At the Sight of so many Objects of Pity, I was sensibly touched, and could not but transcribe the *Prodigal's* Complaint; *How many are ready to perish with Hunger, whilst I have enough and to spare.*

Wednesday, Jan. 11. Weighed from *Margate* Road, and cast Anchor in the *Downs*, the Ship sailing most pleasantly before the Wind.—Went on in explaining the *Creed* after Evening Prayers,
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and had the Comfort to hear good was done among the Soldiers. The Captain was pleased to express his Approbation. *GOD grant I may with a single Eye seek to please the Captain of my Sa'vation!*—After Evening Prayers and visiting the Sick, went ashore with Mr. H. to Deal; and was highly delighted with a Prospect of the Downs.—Went and payed my Respects to the two Ministers of the Place: But finding neither of them at Home, spent the Remainder of the Evening very comfortably in religious Talk and Family Prayer, at which a poor Woman was much affected.—*Who knows what a Fire this little Spark may kindle!*

Thursday, Jan. 12. Went on board about Eleven.—Read Prayers and went on explaining the *Creed* to the Soldiers; visited and prayed with the Sick; and began this Afternoon to explain the *Catechism* to the Women by themselves: I find they are in Number about sixteen. *Prosper thou, O LORD, this Work of my Hands upon me!*—After Evening Prayers and expounding the *Creed*, went again to Deal with Mr. H. to buy some Necessaries. Spent the Remainder of the Evening in writing Letters, and reading and praying with eight or nine poor People, who came, I suppose, at the Report of the other poor Woman to hear me.

Friday, Jan. 13. Remained all Day on Shore (the Weather being too rough to go on board) and set it apart as a Day of Humiliation, Abstinence, and Intercession for all Mankind.—Had two or three added to my Company at Night, who seemed very attentive, and prayed for me most heartily. I gave them some Books: *May GOD give them his Blessing!*

Saturday, Jan. 14. Spent the Morning in writing Letters, and was much pleased with the pious Conversation of a poor Woman, who was one of my Auditors last Night, and who, I believe, has passed through the Pangs of the New Birth.—Hasted on board about Eleven.—Was enlarged in preaching after Prayers to the Soldiers, and at Night continued instant in Intercession on Deck; and the Prospect of a clear Sky, the Stars glittering, and the Moon shining bright, warmed my Heart, and made me *greatly rejoice in Spirit*. I now began to be more reconciled to a Ship Life; for God gave me Health of Body, and, without which all is nothing, Content of Mind. *Lord continue this for thy Mercy Sake.*

Sunday, Jan. 15. Read publick Prayers in the Cabbin this Morning, and was much enlarged in preaching to the Soldiers on this Article, *I believe in the Holy Ghost*: In explaining which, I took Occasion to shew the Nature and Necessity of the New Birth. *Lord make all Partakers of it!*—Catechised the Soldiers, and, blessed be God, find some of them improved. Was enlarged again in my Evening Sermon, and had Prayers a second Time in the great Cabbin. The Officers, &c. willingly complied as soon as I proposed it;—*God be praised!*—All the Day the Sea was entirely calm, and every thing about us seemed hushed and quiet, as though it would remind us of that sacred Rest the Day was set apart to commemorate. In the Evening the Wind blew very fresh, but being full against us, we were obliged to sail back to the *Downs*, (tho' we had got near fifty Miles) where we arrived about Twelve o'Clock. *Keep us, O GOD, from going*

going back in our heavenly Voyage and all shall be well!

Monday, Jan. 16. Was a little affected by seeing a poor Soldier tied Neck and Heels, for several mutinous Words he had spoken. The Captain related the Case to me, and said, if I could make him sensible of his Crime, I might beg him off: I endeavoured to do it, but alas, in vain; he continued obstinate, and thereby hindered my Design taking Effect. After this, the Captain ordered him to be tied down between Decks; from whence I took Occasion, in my Morning Sermon, to exhort the Soldiers to obey them that *had the Rule over them*, and to avoid those Sins, that would provoke God to command them to be *tied Hand and Foot, and to be cast into outer Darknes*, where would be weeping and gnashing of Teeth.

About Twelve, a Deal Boat coming along Side, I was minded to go thither to answer my Letters. The Sea was very boisterous, but God brought us to Shore rejoicing. *O wherefore did I in the least fear?*—It being the 16th Day of the Month, Mr. H. and I joined in an Hour's Intercession and Abstinence, with many that I knew met together to bewail their own and the Sins of the Nation. About Four, took some bodily Refreshments, and from thence, till One in the Morning, continued answering my Correspondents. *May the LORD make them Answers of Peace and Joy!*

Tuesday, Jan. 17. Came on board about Two in the Afternoon, and found all Things quiet in the Ship. Observed the Women to be uncommonly attentive when I proceeded to explain the Catechism.—Gained an Opportunity, by walk-

ing at Night on Deck, after Intercession, to talk closely to the chief Mate, and one of the Sergeants of the Regiment, and hope my Words were not altogether spoken in Vain. *O that they may come to the Knowledge of the Truth, and be saved!*

Wednesday, Jan. 18. Spent all the Morning in Retirement, reading the Scriptures, publick Prayer, and preaching; the Weather being extremely pleasant.—Began to live by Rule more than ever; for nothing I find is to be done without it. All that had been sick being recovered, they came to worship, for whom I gave Thanks: And at the End of my Sermon I exhorted them to shew forth their Thankfulness, not only with their Lips, but in their Lives. *O that there may be in them such a Mind!*—Finished my Exposition on the *Creed*; read publick Prayers, and preached as usual in the Afternoon; catechised the Soldiers; and was pleased to see many that stood very attentive.—Had great Comfort in reading the Scriptures. Was afterwards a little inclined to Heaviness, but drove it off by a long Intercession. *Prayer is an Antidote against every Evil.*—About Eleven at Night went and sat down among the Sailors in the Steerage, and reasoned with them about *Righteousness, Temperance, and a Judgment to come*; at which some of them almost trembled.

Thursday, Jan. 19. Was much comforted by hearing from my Friends. Began, after Prayers this Morning, to explain the Catechism to the Soldiers, and draw proper Inferences by way of Sermon: I find it is much approved of, and, for them, by far the fittest Way of Instruction.—Spent the Afternoon in answering Correspondents;

dents; was much assisted in my Evening Exposition on the Catechism; and had great Hopes of two Soldiers becoming Christians indeed. *You'd to God all the King's Soldiers were such!*—Was enabled to compose a great Part of a Sermon this Evening, enlarged in Intercession, and afterwards much rejoiced by three more Letters, and sat up till One in the Morning to answer them. *Whatsoever thou findest in thy Hand to do, saith the wise Man, do it with all thy Might.*

Friday, Jan. 20. Rose with great Peace of Mind, and spent all the Morning in composing.—Happily made up a Difference between a Soldier and his Wife, who were one of the four Couple I married when first I came on board: The Man had resolved to part from her, but upon my reminding him of his Marriage Vow, and entreating him with Love, he immediately took to her again. *What may not a Minister do through Christ, when his Flock love him?*—Proposed to the Captain to read a few Prayers in the great Cabbin every Night, which he readily consented to, and withal said, he should be glad to hear me preach, whenever I should think proper. *Thanks be to GOD for the Prospect of more Work!*—Was surprised in the midst of my Evening's Discourse by the chief Mate, who came and told me, that the Minister of *Upper Deal* had sent a Boat for me, desiring me, at the Request of the Inhabitants, to preach the *Sunday* following. I went with them, and found the Number of my Evening Hearers greatly encreased, and very joyful to see me once more on Shore.—Afterwards I sat up till One in the Morning, answering my Correspondents, and then lay down, filled with

a Joy which no Man could take from me. Oh that all Men knew the Comforts of Religion!

Saturday, Jan. 21. This Evening the Number of my Hearers so encreased, that the Stairs were full, as well as the Room. I expounded to them the 25th of St. Matthew, at which they were much affected, and prayed for me most earnestly. Lord, let their Cry come unto thee!

Sunday, Jan. 22. About Nine went on board with Capt. W. who is always extremely civil; visited the Sick, and read Prayers in the Great Cabbin, and then read Prayers, and preached my Sermon on *Early Piety*, on open Deck to the Soldiers. The Officers, and other Gentlemen, attended very seriously. The Weather was very cold, but Preaching warmed my Heart.—In the Afternoon preached at Upper Deal, on *Acts xxviii. 26.* Many seemed to be pricked to the Heart.—In the Evening expounded the *Lord's Prayer*, and had a much larger Company than before.—Sat up till past Ten, to answer some Letters; and then went to Rest, with, I trust, humbling Reflections upon God's unmerited loving Kindness to me, the chief of Sinners.

*Ten thousand thousand precious Gifts
My daily Thanks employ:
Oh give me, Lord, a thankful Heart
To taste those Gifts with Joy.*

*Through all Eternity, to Thee
My grateful Song I'll raise
But, oh! Eternity's too short
To set forth all thy Praise.*

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Monday, Jan. 23. About Eleven this Morning went on board the *Amy*, to pay my Respects to Colonel C. and to visit his Soldiers, whom I looked upon as part of my Charge. Was received very civilly by him and the other Officers; went among the Soldiers, gave them a Word or two of Exhortation; promised to bring them some Books, and to come and preach to them, if Opportunity should offer, before we left the *Downs*. — After this, I visited the *Lightfoot*, another Ship in company, in which were about twelve Soldiers and a Serjeant: They received me kindly. I sat down and conversed with them; promised to send them some Books, and to come and preach to them also, if Providence should permit. The *Downs* being exceeding calm, and the Weather clear, going from Ship to Ship was very pleasant. *Mine are but little Flocks, may it be our heavenly Father's good Pleasure to give them the Kingdom!*

About Two went again on board the *Amy*, to dine with the Officers, being kindly invited by them when I was before on board: They all treated me with great Kindness, and in the midst of our Meal I was most agreeably surprized by the coming of two *London* Friends, who made a Journey from thence (*O unmerited Love*) on Purpose to see me. — Dinner being ended, I went and dispersed some Books among the Soldiers; took my Leave and hastened on board our own Ship, where I read Prayers and preached, and then went on Shore with my Friends, not being a little rejoiced to see them. *Ere long may we see thee, thou Friend of Sinners, in thy Kingdom!*

January 23. This Evening so many came to hear me expound, that the poor Landlady who owned the House where I lodged sent to her Te-

nants, beseeching them to let no more come in for fear the Floor should break under them. I first expounded the Creed to about Eighty, and then the second Lesson to as many more; among whom I observed there were many of the chief Inhabitants.—About Eleven they were dismissed, I then eat a little Food, interceded for absent Friends, and all Mankind, and went to Bed about Two in the Morning. *What shall I render unto the LORD for all his Mercies!*

Tuesday, Jan. 24. Met with a little Opposition To-day; but I should have wondered indeed, if any Door had been opened for *preaching Christi*, and there had been no Adversaries.——More People came to hear me to Night than ever, so that I divided them into two Companies again, and from the second Lesson for the Morning, took an Opportunity of shewing the absolute Unlawfulness of running, or dealing in Run Goods. *May the LORD give it his Blessing!*

Wednesday, Jan. 25. Went on board in the Morning with my Friends, intending to read Prayers and preach to the Soldiers, but they were engaged about their own Affairs, and I could not stay long.—Had great Civilities shewed us by the Officers, &c. who treated my Friends respectfully, and the Captain, upon my Request, pardoned a Woman who otherwise was to have been sent on Shore.——After Breakfast, returned on Shore with my Friends, and read Prayers, and preached at *Upper-Dial* to a very large Congregation.—Expounded in the Evening to two Companies the Epistle for the Morning, and the two Lessons for the Evening, as most suitable for the Day. More People came to Night than ever, so that they now did actually put a Prop under

the Floor of the Room. Was agreeably entertained with more *London Letters*, and tho' the Duty of the Day had a little fatigued me, yet I was strengthened to sit up till Three in the Morning, answering them and some other Christian Correspondents. *They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their Strength.*

Thursday, Jan. 26. I had a Visit paid me by a Baptist Minister, who came to discourse to me about the Things that belonged to the Kingdom of God.—Was much comforted by the coming of two more Friends from *London*. In the Afternoon I took them all on board, read Prayers and preached to the Soldiers, and then hastened on Shore, and expounded to the People, whom I was now obliged to divide into three Companies. I continued expounding three Hours, Thanks be to GOD, without Weariness. *LORD help me to hold out without being faint.*—Less than the least of all shall be my *Motto still*.

Friday, Jan. 27. Came on board about Noon, visited the Sick, and catechised the Soldiers, some of whom answered most aptly, for which I distributed amongst them something I knew would be agreeable. *Oh! that I may be made wise to win their Souls to GOD.*—About Two came a Clergyman on board, from a neighbouring Village, to pay me a Visit, with whom I spent an Hour or two agreeably, had Prayers on open Deck, and enforced the Duty of keeping holy the *Sabbath-day*, from the fourth Command, which then came in Course to be explained.—At Five returned ashore with the Clergyman, to whom I promised some Books for his Parishioners. Expounded three Hours to three Companies, as before; did the same the Night following, and

went to Sleep about One in the Morning. *Oh for a comfortable Sabbath, if I wake again!*

Sunday, Jan. 29. Went on board early in the Morning, read Prayers, and preached to the Soldiers, and visited the Sick; then returned on Shore, and hastened with a Troop of pious Friends to *Shrouden Church*, about a Mile and half distant from *Deal*, where I preached to a thronged and weeping Congregation. In the Afternoon I preached at *Upper-Deal Church*, which was quite crowded, and many went away for Want of Room; some stood on the Leads of the Church on the outside, and looked in at the Top-Windows, and all seemed eager to hear the Word. *May the LORD make them Doers of it!* — In the Evening I was obliged to divide my Hearers into four Companies, and was enabled to expound to them from Six till Ten. *LORD keep me from being weary of, or in Well-doing.*

Monday, Jan. 30. At the Request of the Inhabitants, and the Leave of Mr. R. (who sent from *Canterbury* a most obliging Message) I preached again at *Upper-Deal* to as crouded and attentive an Audience as Yesterday. — Soon after the Wind shifted on a sudden, and a Cry came, *The Wind is fair, prepare for sailing.* Having therefore recommended ourselves to God, I took Leave of my weeping Friends, whilst many came running in Drove to the Sea-shore, and wished me good Luck in the Name of the LORD. — In sailing to our Ship, after having seen *Deal* all in a Confusion when the Wind shifted about so suddenly, I heard some crying for one Thing, some another, and all anxious lest their Ship should sail without them. *Oh (thought I) what Confusion will the Inhabitants of the World be in,*
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when in a Moment, in the Twinkling of an Eye, they shall hear the Voice of the Archangel and Trump of GOD, crying aloud, Arise, ye dead, and come to Judgment! Oh that we all may be ready.

Friday, Feb. 3. Let this Day, O my God, be noted in my Book. About Seven in the Morning, the Men upon Deck not keeping a good look-out, one of the *East-India* Ships in shifting to the Wind ran near us so very briskly, that had not Captain *W.* providentially been on Deck, and beseeched them for GOD's Sake to tack about, both the Ships must inevitably have split one against another.

*Since GOD does thus his wond'rous Love
Thro' all our Lives extend;
These Lives to him may we devote,
And in his Service spend.*

— Read publick Prayers, and preached to the Soldiers as usual: And was pleased to hear their Captain, as I came on Deck, remind me of the Motion I made to him some Time ago, about having Prayers daily in the Great Cabbin; and withal he desired that from henceforward I would read Prayers Morning and Evening to them. This I most readily consented to, it being what I had long desired, and what I was just then about to propose to him again. Accordingly we began this Night to have full publick Prayers: And at the Request of the Captain of the Ship I expounded the second Lesson. *Oh that we now may begin to live like Christians, and call upon the Name of the LORD!*

Saturday, Feb. 4. Began to have Prayers in the Great Cabbin in the Morning; read Prayers
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and preached twice to the Soldiers as usual; and after Prayers expounded the second Lesson in the Evening to the Gentlemen in the Great Cabbin: henceforward I intended, GOD willing, to continue it. I hope it will afford us Matter for serious Table-talk afterward.

Sunday, Feb. 5. Joined in Spirit with absent Friends in holy Ordinances; spent some Time most delightfully in reading the Word of GOD: Read Prayers, and made some Observations on both the Lessons in the Great Cabbin; and then read Prayers and expounded both the Lessons to the Soldiers. *O that the LORD would open our Understandings! for they are but a dead Letter without the Illumination of his Holy Spirit!—* Preached my Sermon on *Justification* in the Afternoon to the Officers, and began To-night to turn the Observations made on the Lessons in the Morning into catechetical Questions, and was pleased to hear some of the Soldiers make very apt Answers. *Thanks be to GOD!*

Monday, Feb. 6. Had no Prayers in the Morning between Decks; but read Prayers in the Great Cabbin, did the same in the Evening, and expounded to them the 14th Chapter of *St. Matthew*, the second Lesson, which, containing an Account of *St. John's* reproving *Herod*, gave me an Opportunity of telling them, that great Men should not be angry if Ministers should reprove them out of Love. They seemed to assent to it.— Was pleased to see *Mr. H.* so active in teaching the Children. He has now many Scholars: *May GOD bless them!*

Tuesday, Feb. 7. Being now in the Bay of *Biscay*, the Ship rocked very much, tho' there was a great Calm; *but if there is a fixed Principle*
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of Grace, and a firm Love of God rooted in the Heart, such Motions will not so much disturb our inward, however they may affect our outward Man.

Wednesday, Feb. 8. This Afternoon I preached and read Prayers on open Deck, at the Captain's Desire. who ordered Chairs to be brought, and Boards put a-cross them for the Soldiers to sit upon. My Subject being *the Eternity of Hell Torments*, I was earnest in delivering it. *May none of my Hearers ever experience them!*

Saturday, Feb. 11. Catechised, visited the Sick, expounded and read Prayers as usual; and met with some Soldiers who could sing by Note, with whom I purpose to join in Divine Psalmody every Day.

*A Hymn may win him who a Sermon flies,
And turn Delight into a Sacrifice.*

—In the Evening gave Thanks for the Blessings, and examined into the Actions of the past Week. *It is well I have a Saviour to satisfy for my Performances as well as my Person, for otherwise how should I stand before thee, O thou Holy LORD GOD?*

Sunday, Feb. 12. Preached my Sermon on Glorification to the Gentlemen in the Great Cabin. *Oh that GOD may make them Partakers of it.*—Honest *J—h* my Servant returned Thanks after Morning Prayer for his Recovery from a late severe Fit of Sickness. He tells me he can say with David, *It is good for me that I have been afflicted. GOD be praised! Sanctified Afflictions are Signs of special Love.*

Monday, Feb. 13. Did as usual, only instead of the second Lesson, expounded the 22d Chapter of St. Matthew, at the Captain's Request, who
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takes all Opportunities to express his Kindness to me: *May the GOD whom I serve, sanctify and save him!*

Tuesday, Feb. 14. May I never forget this Day's Mercies! About Twelve at Night a fresh Gale arose, which increased so very much by Four in the Morning, that the Waves broke in like a Flood on many of the poor Soldiers, who lay near the Main-hatch Way. I arose and called upon GOD for myself and those that sailed with me. After this I went on Deck; and then creeping on my Hands and Knees, (for I knew not how to go otherwise) I went between Decks, and sung Psalms with, and comforted the poor wet People. Afterwards, altho' Things were tumbling, the Ship rocking, and Persons falling down and sick about me; I was enabled, though in the midst of Company, to finish a Sermon before I went to Bed, which I had begun a few Days before, and was never more chearful in my Life. *Praise the LORD, O my Soul, and all that is within me praise his holy Name!*

Friday, Feb. 17. Expounded Part of the *Lord's Prayer*, at Evening Worship in the Great Cabin; and intend, after this is done, to go on with the *Creed* and *Ten Commandments*. *GOD give us all praying, believing, obedient Hearts.*—Found Mr. D. particularly useful to me, being a little sick by the late shaking of the Ship, and the Heat and Smell of the People between Decks, who as yet have scarce had Time to recover themselves since the Gale. *O how soon are these frail Tabernacles of ours put out of Order! Happy the Man who serves GOD in his Health, and has, nothing to do when Sickness seizes him, but quietly to lie down and die.*

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Saturday, Feb. 18. Grew better this Day, and was much delighted by sitting on Deck, and reading Archbishop Cranmer's Life: *Surely he was a righteous Man.* The Account of his Fall made my Heart tremble within me. *But why shouldst thou be cast down, O my Soul? Still trust in GOD.*

Sunday, Feb. 19. Slept better To-night than I have a long while; *blessed be the Keeper of Israel.* Read Prayers in the Great Cabbin; was enlarged in expounding both the Lessons to the Soldiers; and read Prayers, and preached one of the Sermons, composed since I came on board, on open Deck in the Afternoon. All the Gentlemen attended, Benches were laid for the People, and the Weather being very fine we had a noble View. About Two in the Morning we cast Anchor in Gibraltar Haven. *Oh that we all may therefore praise the LORD for his Goodness. And may this, O my GOD, be the Language of my poor Heart in particular.*

*In midst of Dangers, Fears, and Death,
Thy Goodness I'll adore;
And praise Thee for thy Mercies past,
And humbly hope for more.*

*My Life, if Thou preserv'st my Life,
Thy Sacrifice shall be:
And Death, if Death shall be my Doom,
Shall join my Soul to Thee.*

Monday, Feb. 20, 1737. Spent the Morning on board, in writing Letters to my dear Friends in England, to acquaint them of my safe Arrival. Went in the Afternoon on Shore to Gibraltar, and was unspeakably delighted with the Prospect
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of the Place. My Friend *H.* and I dined at an Inn, and afterwards went with Captain *W.* and some other Company, to view one Side of the Fort, which to us seemed impregnable; and at the Sight of it I could scarce avoid crying out, *Who is so great a God as our God?*—The seeing Persons of all Nations and Languages gave me great Pleasure: And the Difference of the Value of their Money and ours, gave me Occasion to reflect on the Stupidity of those who place their Happiness in that which has no intrinsic Worth in itself, but only so much as we arbitrarily put upon it.—Went into a *Romish* Chapel, wherein were the Reliques of a vast deal of Pageantry, and several Images of the Virgin *Mary*, dressed up, not like a poor *Galilean*, but in her Silks and Damasks. *Oh* (thought I) *who hath bewitched this People, that they should thus depart from the Simplicity of CHRIST, and go a whoring after their own Inventions?*

Tuesday, Feb. 21. Went again to *Gibraltar*, to pay my Respects to Governor *S.* being told by Captain *M.* that he expected to see me. The worthy old Gentleman received me with the utmost Candor, and gave me a general Invitation to come and dine with him every Day, during my Stay at *Gibraltar*. I thank'd him for his Kindness; had about a Quarter of an Hour's Conversation with him, and took Leave for that Time.—At One o' Clock, I returned to dine with him, according to his Appointment; and was well pleased with the regular Behaviour of the Officers at Table. We had what an Epicurean would call a *Cæna Dubia*. At Three I took my Leave, and walked about with Captain *W.* and other Friends, to take a second
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View of the Fort; went on board about Five; read Prayers, and began expounding the Creed in the Cabbin; wrote some more Letters, and went to Bed, quite thankful to God for sending me abroad.

Wednesday, Feb. 22. Went again on Shore, and paid both the Ministers of Gibraltar a Visit, who received me very affectionately, and offered me the Use of the Pulpit. *Oh what a pleasant Thing it is for the Clergy to dwell together in Unity!*—At Eleven went to publick Prayers, and was much pleased to see many Officers and Soldiers attend the General to Church. *Methinks Religion looks doubly amiable in a Soldier.*—After Prayers I dined again with the General, who gave me another particular Invitation as I was going out of the Church, and desired me to preach the following Sunday.—Went in the Afternoon to visit a Deserter, who had sent me a Letter, desiring me to intercede for him with the Governor, he being apprehensive he should die for Desertion. I intended to answer his Request, but the Governor was so merciful that he ordered him to be whipped only, which I thought Punishment little enough. *O Sin, what Mischief dost thou make in the World!*

Friday, Feb. 24. Blessed be God, who this Day hath shewn me that he hath heard my Prayer, and not taken his Loving-kindness from me. About Ten in the Morning comes Capt. M. on board, telling me that one Major S. (a Person I never saw) had provided me a convenient Lodging at Merchant B's, and desired that I would come on Shore. Looking upon this as a Call from Providence, I went on Shore.—In about the Middle of the Town Major S. gave me the Meeting,
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conducted us to our new Lodgings (which were very commodious) and engaged us to dine with him.—About Eleven was introduced by Doctor C. to General C. who was desirous of seeing me. He received me exceeding kindly, and after a little serious Conversation, we went to the Governor's, from thence to publick Prayers; where I was highly pleased to see so many Officers attending on the Generals. Dr. C. told me he had not known Governor S. absent himself from Prayers once these several Years, except when he was hindred by Sickness. *O that all others would let their Light so shine before Men!*

Saturday Feb. 25. About Six this Morning went to the Church to pray with some devout Soldiers, who I heard used to meet there at that Time.—After we had finished our Devotion, I made an Enquiry into their State, and found that their Society had been subsisting about twelve Years, and that one Serjeant B. (a devout Soldier indeed) now amongst them, was the first Beginner of it. At first they told me they used to meet in Dens and Mountains, and Caves in the Rocks; but afterwards upon their applying for Leave to build a little Place to retire in, Doctor C. and Governor S. gave them the free Use of the Church, where they stately meet three times a Day, to pray, read, and sing Psalms, and at any other Season when they please. They have met with Contempt, and are now in Derision called *New Lights*.—There is another Society of the *Scotch Church*, who in Derision are called *Dark Lanthorns*. I sent them, as well as the other Society, some proper Books; had religious Talk with
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several of them, and endeavoured to unite both Societies together. *Oh when will that Time come, when all Differences about Externals shall be taken away, and we all with one Heart, and one Mouth glorify our LORD JESUS CHRIST!*—About Twelve went on board, read Prayers, gave an Exhortation, and returned about Five on Shore, where I spent near two Hours with the devout Soldiers in the Church. Many of them conversed most spiritually, and seemed well acquainted with the Pangs of the New-birth. *May GOD perfect the good Work begun in their Hearts! O how amiable are thy Servants, O LORD of Hosts!*

Sunday, Feb. 26. Preached in the Morning at Gibraltar, before such a Congregation of Officers and Soldiers as I never before saw: The Church, though large, was quite thronged:—After Evening Prayers (for there is Sermon only in the Forenoon) I went and expounded, prayed and sung Psalms with the Society.—At Night had some devout Conversation with my Host and Hostess, who seemed to look upon me as their own Son; prayed for absent Friends, and went to Bed ashamed I had done so little for GOD on a Sabbath-day.—But when we cannot do as we would, we must do as we can.

Monday, Feb. 27. Went to the Church, and did as yesterday; and was visited afterwards by two of the Nonconforming Society, who seemed to be *Israelites indeed*: I exhorted them to Love and Unity, and not to let a little Difference about a few Externals occasion any narrow-spiritedness to arise in their Hearts. I also advised them to come and hear me expound in the Church, which they did; and providentially

the Lesson was the fourth of the *Ephesians*, from whence I took Occasion to urge on them the Necessity of loving one another with a Catholick disinterested Love; to be of one Heart and one Mind, and to join without Respect of Persons in hastening the Kingdom of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. I hope GOD gave a Blessing to what was said: For I observed they came constantly afterwards, and was told there was a perfect Harmony between them. *What infinite Mischief have needless Divisions occasioned in the Christian World? Divide & impera, Divide and Conquer, is the Devil's Motto.*

Tuesday, Feb. 28. Expounded to a large Number of Soldiers, in the Evening at Church. — Was asked by Dr. C. in the Name of the Governor, Colonel C to preach every Prayer-day whilst I staid at *Gibraltar*. Many of the Inhabitants pressed me to stay with them, and were very kind to those who were with me. *Blessed be GOD, for thus giving me Favour in his People's Sight! LORD, what am I?—* Conversed with one of the devout Soldiers, who was under strong spiritual Trials; and GOD was pleased to give him Comfort. I find it necessary more and more every Day, that Ministers should be tempted in all Things like unto Brethren, that they may be able experimentally to succour those that are tempted.

Wednesday, March 1. Expounded in the Morning, and was highly pleased at my Entrance into the Church, to see several Soldiers kneeling in several Parts of the House of GOD at their private Devotions. *O happy Gibraltar, that thou hast such a Set of praying Men!* Some I hear often come in by Two o'Clock in the Morning,

Morning, to pour out their Hearts before God. *The LORD perform all their Petitions!*—Preached, according to my Promise, to a numerous and affected Audience of Officers, Soldiers, &c. and expounded at Night to near 200 People, amongst whom were many of the Officers, and of the honourable Women not a few. *O that they may with meekness receive the engrafted Word, and that it may be a Means of saving their Souls!*

Thursday, March 2. Expounded twice in the Church, as usual, and at Night had above three hundred Hearers: amongst whom were many Officers, Ladies, and Dr. C. the Minister of the Church.—*GO D be praised for sending me abroad, and so far prospering the Work of his Hands upon me.*

Friday, March 3. This Morning, besides a great Number of the Soldiers, near, if not more than a Dozen of the Town's People came to Church to hear me expound. Afterwards we breakfasted with a Gentlewoman, who sent by Major S. to invite us, and most gladly received us into her House. About Ten I preached my Sermon against *Swearing*, and made a farewell Application to the Soldiers that were going over to *Georgia* out of that Garrison. The Governor had that Morning reviewed them; and as I could not be in the same Ship with them, I desired they might be ordered to come to Church, that I might have an Opportunity of telling them how to behave in that Land which they were going over to protect. The Colonel and Governor most readily consented; there was a most thronged Audience: Many Officers and Soldiers wept sorely, and a visible Alteration was observed in the Garrison for some
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Days after. *O that their Convictions may end in Conversion, and that they may bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit!*—Had above five hundred to hear me expound this Evening, and went up into the Desk, by the Advice of Dr. C. who now constantly makes one of my Hearers. After this, we supped at Mr. B's of the Victualling-Office, and returned home with Joy and great Gladness of Heart. *Who can express the Loving-kindness of the LORD, or shew forth all his Praise?*

Saturday, March 4. Expounded in the Morning; to more Hearers than ever, some of which wept. Dined and supped with General C. who sent last Night to invite me, and went in the Afternoon to the Jewish Synagogue, but was surpris'd to see one of the Chief of them come from the farthest End, and put me in one of their chief Seats: But afterwards he told me he had heard my Sermon yesterday against Swearing, and thanked me for it. *Not unto me, not unto me, O LORD, but unto thy Name be all the Thanks and Glory!* I continued with them their whole Service, and spent most of my Time there in secret Prayer to GOD, *That the Veil might be taken from their Hearts, and that the blessed Time might come when his chosen People should again be engrafted into their own Olive tree, and all Israel be saved.*—Visited an unhappy Man in Prison, who last Night, in a drunken Fit, had murdered a Fellow Soldier. I providentially met him just as he was apprehended, and laid before him the Terrors of the LORD. At first, he seem'd unconcerned; but in a short Time he was mov'd, desired me to come and see him, and to-day trembled and wept bitterly. *O*
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Drunkenness, what Mischiefs hast thou done? Thy Name is Legion; for behold a Troop of Sins come along with thee.—In the Evening I had near, if not more, than a thousand Hearers; and I took Occasion, from the poor Man's Example before mentioned, to warn the Soldiery not to be drunk with Wine, wherein is Excess; a Sin that most easily besets the Men of Gibraltar. *May they hear and fear, and sin no more presumptuously!*

Sunday, March 5. After Morning Exposition in the Church, went and saw the *Roman Catholics* at their high Mass; and shall only make this Remark: That there needs no other Argument against *Popery*, than to see the *Paganry, Superstition, and Idolatry* of their Worship.—About Ten went to the Church belonging to the Garrison; preached to a most thronged Audience, and received (what my Soul longed after) the Sacrament of CHRIST'S most blessed Body and Blood: Both the Generals were there, and near fifty more Communicants. The weekly Collection for the Poor was larger than ever was known: And ***** was so affected, that he wished himself a despised *Methodist*. *We are not fit for GOD to work by, till we are despised by Men, that the Excellency and Power of preaching may be seen to be of GOD only.*—Dined at Governor S's, and, at the Request of the Inhabitants and Gentlemen of the Garrison, preached in the Afternoon. Expounded in the Evening to above a thousand Hearers, of all Denominations; supped with General C. and went home betimes, full of unspeakable Comfort: *Oh when shall I learn to be on the full Stretch for GOD!*

Monday, March 6. Had near, if not more than a hundred at Morning Exposition; and it being the last Day of my being at *Gibraltar*, many came to me weeping, telling me what **GOD** had done for their Souls, desiring my Prayers, and promising me theirs in Return.— About Twelve, I went to the Church, according to Appointment, and gave a farewell Exhortation to a great Number of weeping Soldiers, &c. after which we kneeled down, and having recommended each other to the Grace of **GOD**, I left them, and about Four went on board, accompanied to the Sea-side with near two hundred Soldiers, Officers, Women, &c. who were all concerned at my Departure, and wished me prosperity. *O LORD put their Tears into thy Bottle, and let their Cry come unto Thee!*

Tuesday, March 7. Went and conversed with, and dispersed some Books among the Soldiers that we took from *Gibraltar*. Three of them belong to one of the Societies, and desired, with some others, to go with me in our Ship. *GOD sanctify my Ministry unto them!* Most of the rest are of the *Scots Church*, but seem very willing to conform. *What a pity is it, CHRIST'S seamless Coat should be rent in Pieces on account of Things in themselves purely indifferent!*—At Dinner we were likely to be struck against by the Man of War; but God had Mercy on us, and delivered us out of so great a Danger. *How ought Creatures to live, who are every Moment liable to be hurried away by Death to Judgment!*— Finished my Exposition on the *Creed* in the great Cabin, and did my other Duty in the Ship, as usual. The Wind blew hard, and **GOD** sent abroad his Lightning great Part of the Day.
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—Gave myself, (as much as my Indisposition of Body, occasioned by the Ship's Motion, would give me leave) to the Word of GOD and Prayer; and was much affected with what is said of *Hezekiah*, 2 *Chron.* xxxii. 25. that because he rendered not again, was not thankful enough for the great Things GOD had done for him, he was permitted to fall through the Pride of his Heart. *Alas! what Danger am I in of sharing the same Fate! O my Friends, cry mightily unto GOD, that no such Evil come upon me.*—The contrary Wind still continuing, my Sea-sickness encreased; so that I was obliged to omit reading Prayers to the Soldiers, and go to Bed sooner than usual. *Oh that I may be purged in order to bring forth more Fruit!*

Friday, March 10. My bodily Indisposition still increased; there was a great Storm without, but, blessed be GOD, somewhat of a Calm within.—Did my usual Duty in the great Cabin, and began expounding the Ten Commandments; interceded for Friends on Deck, and went to Bed somewhat sensible of my own Unworthiness. O that I could always see myself in proper Colours! I believe I should have little reason to fall down and worship myself. *God be merciful to me a Sinner!*

Saturday, March 11. Blessed be GOD, this Morning the Storm began to blow over; and I was enabled to read Prayers and expound both in the Cabin and to the Soldiers, with more Vigour than I have done since we left *Gibraltar*. *Sorrow may endure for a Night, but Joy cometh in the Morning!*

Sunday, March 12. Expounded with more Enlargement than usual, and gave the People

Notice that I intended speaking to them one by one, to see what Account they could give of their Faith. *I have not ceased warning every one of you,* says the Apostle.—*May I follow his Steps!*

Tuesday, March 14. Began to put in Execution what I promised on Sunday, viz. to enquire into the Faith of those committed to my Charge, and felt such a fervent Love for my absent Christian Friends, that I feared how I should behave, was GOD to call any of them from me. *But sufficient for the Day will be the Strength thereof!*

Wednesday, March 15. Was much pleased with my present Situation, and had Reason to bless GOD for some further visible good Effects of my Ministry. Was highly delighted in seeing my Friend H. active in teaching the Lambs of the Flock: He has now gotten a regular School, and the Children begin to day to come at regular set Hours: Several also of the Soldiers learn to write and read; so that my Friend is like to make an useful Man*. *GOD make him more and more so every Day!*

Thursday, March 16. Preached this Afternoon my Sermon against Swearing, at which several of the Soldiers wept. Blessed be GOD! that Sin is much abated amongst us; and I think a visible Alteration may be perceived through the whole Ship. *Not unto me, not unto me, O LORD, but unto thy Name be the Glory!*—Visited near a Dozen that were Sick. *May I by thus visiting sick Beds, learn to improve my Time of Health: For, a'as, what can be done in Time of Sicknejs?*

* Blessed be GOD he hath proved so, and is now Secretary of the Province of Georgia.

I find but few that are able with any tolerable Patience to sustain their bodily Infirmities: *But to have a wounded Spirit at the same Time, who can bear it?*

Saturday, March 18. The Weather being very fair, and the Sea calm, I went with Capt. *W.* on board the *Lightfoot*, dined with the Gentlemen belonging to the Ship and Colonel *C.* who came on board to pay them a Visit: Married a Couple, and dispersed *Bibles, Testaments,* and *Soldiers Monitors,* amongst the Men; exchanged some Books for some Cards; preached a Sermon against Drunkenness, which I finished yesterday; and returned in the Evening, much pleased with seeing the Porpoises roll about the great Deep. *O LORD, how marvellous are thy Works!*

Sunday, March 19. Went with Capt. *W.* on board the *Amy*; read Prayers and preached to above two hundred and twenty Hearers; married a Couple, and about three returned to the *Whitaker*, read Prayers, and preached my Sermon against Drunkenness; after which Capt. *M.* made a useful Speech to the Men, and exhorted them to give heed to the Things that had been spoken. *Vouchsafe, O LORD, to give us thy Blessing!*

Monday, March 20. To-day Col. *C.* came to dine with us, and in the midst of our Meal we were entertained with a most agreeable Sight; it was a Shark about the Length of a Man, which followed our Ship, attended with five little Fishes called the Pilot-fish, much like a Mackarel but larger. These I am told always keep the Shark company; and what is most surprising, though the Shark is so ravenous a Creature, yet let it be never so hungry, it never

touches one of them. Nor are they less faithful to him: For, as I was informed, if the Shark is hooked very often these little Creatures will not forsake him, but cleave close to his Fins, and are often taken up with him. *Go to the Pilot-fish, thou that forsakest a Friend in Adversity, consider his Ways, and be ashamed.*—After Dinner I read Prayers and expounded to our own People; and then went on board the *Amy* with Colonel C. who used me with uncommon Civility; married a Couple; and came back to the *Whitaker*, rejoicing to see the Works of the LORD, and the Beauty of the great Deep. *Who would but come abroad?*—The Weather growing warmer, Friend H. had some Cloaths hung over to cover his School: His Children come very regularly both to learn and say their Prayers at Night: Capt. W. takes great Delight in them, and Captain M. much encourages the Solders to learn to read and write; so that we begin to live as regular now as we could wish to do on Shore. *Blessed be GOD for thus making his Power to be known!*

Thursday, March 23. This Morning we began to have Prayers at Six o' Clock, and the Drum beat at the Captain's Order to call the People. — Visited near twelve or fourteen sick Persons; and notwithstanding the Place where they lye is much confined, and they catch the Fever of one another, as yet I am kept from Infection. *The Way of Duty is the Way of Safety. Thy Judgments, O LORD, are abroad, may we learn Righteousness.*

Friday, March 24. Sail'd an hundred and fifty-four Miles the last twenty-four Hours, and began now to live so happy on Shipboard, that
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I believe we shall part from each other with **Re-**gret. *By this may all Men know we are Christ's Disciples, that we love one another!*—Preached a Sermon in the Afternoon which I composed at the Request of Capt. *M*—, on *Luke iii. 14.*—*And the Soldiers likewise came unto him, and demanded, saying, And what must we do? And he said unto them, Do Violence to no Man, neither accuse any falsely, and be content with your Wages.*—I afterwards exchanged some bad Books that were on board (which I threw immediately into the Sea) for some good ones; and blessed be **GOD**, all that I have found them with, as yet, have been ready to surrender them up. *May it prove a good Exchange!*

Monday, March 27. Last Night **GOD** was pleased to take away a black Boy of Captain *W*'s after he had been ill of a violent Fever for some Days.—He was never baptised, but I had a Commission from his Master, who seemed much affected at his Death, to instruct, and baptise him, if it had pleased the Most High that he should recover; but **GOD** saw fit to order it otherwise. *His holy Will be done.* About Ten in the Morning he was wrapt up in a Hammock and thrown into the Sea. I could not read the Office over him being unbaptised, but Captain *W*. ordered the Drum to beat, and I exhorted all the Soldiers and Sailors, to *Remember their Creator in the Days of their Youth,* and to prepare for that Time, when the Sea should give up its Dead, and all Nations be called together to appear before the Son of God. *Oh that they may lay to Heart what has been said, and practically consider their latter End!*

Tuesday, March 28 This Day Capt. *M*. began to come at Six in the Morning and join in

Prayers on Deck, instead of having Prayers in the Great Cabbin. Surely our Soldiers will be without Excuse, since their Captain leads so good an Example; blessed be God, I have no reason to complain of them, for they come very regularly twice a Day to Prayer, and an Oath seems to be a strange Thing amongst most of them. Many Marks of a thorough reformation at least appear in several on board, and we live in perfect Harmony and Peace, loving and beloved of one another. *Lord, what am I?*

Thursday, March 30. Had still more Proofs of a great change being wrought in some of the Ship. *Oh that I may be thoroughly renew'd myself and pass from Glory to Glory by the Spirit of the Lord!*

*Renew thy Likeness, LORD, in me,
Lowly and gentle may I be;
No Charms but these to Thee are dear:
No Anger may'st Thou ever find,
No Pride in my unruffled Mind,
But Faith and Heaven-born Peace be there.*

*A patient, a victorious Mind,
A Life that all Things cast behind,
Springs forth obedient to thy Call;
A Heart that no Desire can move,
But still t'adore, and praise, and love,
Give me, my LORD, my Life, my All!*

Friday, March 31. This being the Crucifixion of our blessed LORD, I preached a Sermon on the *Penitent Thief*. We begun Prayers later than usual, so that before I had done, Darkness came upon us, which put me in mind of that
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Darkness which overwhelmed the World, when the God of Nature suffered. *Oh that our Hearts may rend like the Rocks, and our Souls arise from the Death of Sin, as the Bodies of those did from their Graves who appeared to many in the Holy City, after our Lord's Resurrection!*

Sunday, April 2. Rose early this Morning, and joined in Spirit with my dear absent Friends, who I knew were receiving the Holy Sacrament, and celebrating our Blessed LORD's Resurrection. — I preached a Sermon in the Afternoon, on *Phil. iii. 10.* *That I may know Him, and the Power of his Resurrection.* — *Oh that we may all experience it in our Hearts! For without it, CHRIST as to us is dead in vain!*

April 3. Had some Conversation with a young Gentleman whose Conversion I mentioned before, and who I hope is really quickened from Above. He told me he used to wonder when he heard me say that all our Thoughts, Words and Actions, ought to be dedicated unto GOD, but now he perceived what I said to be true. *How does the new Nature give us new Notions!* — About Eleven went on board the *Lightfoot*, prayed with a sick Man, and preached my Sermon on the *Penitent Thief*. Afterwards went on board the *Amy*, catechised the Children, dined on a Dolphin, had some useful Conversation, preached to the Soldiers, returned home about Six, read Prayers, visited the Sick, interceded for Friends, and went to Bed praising and blessing GOD.

April 8. Went on board the *Lightfoot* and the *Amy*, and preached to the Soldiers of each Ship; dined with Colonel C. who continued extremely civil; and at my Return found the Sick increase upon my Hands. — Preached two Sermons besides

my Exposition at Six in the Morning, and was well pleased to hear that the poor People between Decks prayed heartily for me. A goodly Portion ! Blessed be GOD, we now live also very comfortably in the Great Cabbin. We talk of little else but GOD and CHRIST, and scarce a Word is to be heard amongst us when together, but what has Reference to our Fall in the first, and our New-birth in the second *Adam*, the LORD from Heaven.—*Oh that I knew how to be thankful ! Oh that Heaven and Earth would join with me in praising GOD !*

*I would not, LORD, alone,
Thy Praises celebrate ;
I'd call the blessed Angels down,
I'd move the World's united State,
Till they in fervent Songs thy gracious Acts relate.*

April 14. To-day, I could have wished for some young Prodigals on board the *Whitaker*, to see one of our Soldiers dying. Alas, how did his Breast heave, his Heart pant, and great Drops of Sweat trickle down his Face ! His Eyes looked ghastly, and the whole Man was in a bitter Agony. Captain *W.* went down between Decks once or twice to see him : And I used the last Prayer several times. About Nine at Night he expired, I fear without Hope ; for he killed himself by Drinking. *Oh that all Drunkards would learn from him to be wise in Time, and practically consider their latter End !* — To-day was called in a Hurry to pray by one of the devout Soldiers who came from *Gibraltar*, and who was supposed to be expiring ; but instead of being affrighted at the Approach of the King of Terrors,

Terrors, he welcomed it, said, he was going to his dear Redeemer, and poured out his Heart in repeating some very applicable Verses out of the *Psalms*. Oh, what Difference is there between him that searcheth GOD, and him that feareth him not, in their last Hours! *LORD, let me die the Death of the Righteous, and let my future State be like his!*

Sunday, April 16. Read Prayers and expounded at Six in the Morning, and preached to our own People: Then went and preached on board the *Lightfoot*; and afterwards dined, read Prayers, and preached on board the *Amy*: Returned about Five in the Evening, read Prayers and preached, visited the Sick, and went to rest blessing GOD for the Strength of the Day. All the Officers continue extremely kind, and seem studious to oblige me. *The good LORD reward them a thousand-fold!*—This Evening was sent for by a Sailor, who has been the most remarkable Swearer on board; and whom I in an especial Manner warned about two Days ago to flee from the Wrath to come. He laughed, but to-night he sent for me, trembling, and burning with a Fever, told me what grievous Sins he had been guilty of, and prayed most fervently for Repentance. Two or three of the same Stamp have been taken in the same Manner. *GOD work in them a Repentance not to be repented of!*

Tuesday, April 18. Was greatly delighted in seeing two Water-spouts, which ran along for several Miles, and by the especial Providence of GOD escaped us. After this several Squalls came. The Sailors were in great Hurry and Confusion, but to my Comfort not *one single Oath* was heard all the while: A Proof this, that Sailors may

pull their Ropes without Swearing. *Blessed be GOD!*

Saturday, April 22. Drew near our Port and fled as it were on the Wings of the Wind for three Days past, sailing sometimes an hundred and seventy, sometimes an hundred and eighty Miles in twenty-four Hours. *May I learn from hence a Lesson of Instruction; and the nearer I come to my Haven of eternal Rest, the quicker may I move!*

Monday, May 1. This Morning went out upon Deck, after being confined to my Bed a Week by a violent Fever, with which all except three or four in the Ship have been visited. I was blooded thrice, and blistered and vomited once, and, blessed be GOD, I can say, *It is good for me that I have been afflicted:* For as Afflictions abounded, inward Consolations much more abounded; and as to outward Things, nothing was wanting to make my Sicknes comfortable and easy. *Blessed be GOD for these abundant Mercies in CHRIST JESUS!*

Friday, May 5. About Ten o' Clock this Morning buried the Cook of the Ship, who after a few Hours Illness expired last Night: Notwithstanding He had said He would be wicked till two Years before his Death, and then He would repent. I could have wished for a hundred Tongues to have sounded a loud Alarm to the People; but the Sight of the Corpse, and the Weakness of my Body, would but just permit me to read out the Office. *LORD, what is Man?*—In the Afternoon I privately baptized a new-born Infant. Thus it is, some coming into the World, others going out of it continually. *Teach us, O LORD, to number our Days that we may apply*
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our Hearts unto Wisdom!—Having lain about a Week on the Coast, towards the Evening, we saw *Savannah River*, and sent off for a Pilot. Oh what Joy appeared in every one's Countenance! How infinitely more joyful will the Children of GOD be, when having passed through the Waves of this troublesome World, they arrive at the Haven of everlasting Rest? *Hasten, O LORD, that blessed Time, and let thy Kingdom come!*

Sunday, May 7. By the Blessing of GOD, we cast Anchor near *Tyby Island* about fourteen Miles off *Savannah*; last night I preached my Farewel Sermon, at which many wept; and arrived at *Savannah Town* about seven this Evening, where I joined in Prayer and Thanksgiving with Mr. D. and some pious Souls that were rejoiced at my Arrival: *The good LORD sanctify our Meeting to his Glory, and his People's Welfare.*

Monday, May 8. Begun to read publick Prayers, and expound the second Lesson at five in the Morning to seventeen Adults and twenty-five Children. *May GOD open their Hearts that they may attend to the Things that were spoken.*—In the Afternoon, Mr. C. sent Word, that he and the Magistrates would wait upon me, but I chose rather to wait upon them. I was received with great Civility, and our chief Conversation ran upon the Place of my Settlement—At last it was resolved that I should have a House and Tabernacle built at *Frederica*, and serve at *Savannah*, when, and as long as I pleased. I find there are many Divisions amongst the Inhabitants, glad shall I be to be made an Instrument of healing them:

them— *Grant this, O Lord; for thy dear Son's Sake.*

Sunday, May 14. After another Week's Confinement, by the Return of my Fever, under which GOD shew'd me great Mercies, and which went off with a Fit of the Ague, I attempted to read Prayers, but was so exceeding faint and weak, that I was obliged to leave off before I begun the second Service. *Oh that my Friends had seen me at that Hour, they then might have learnt not to have any Man's Person in Admiration, and not to think more highly of me than they ought to think.*

Tuesday, May 16. Having by the Blessing of GOD gotten a little Strength, I went to see *Tomo Chachi*, the Indian King, who, I heard, was near expiring at a Neighbour's House. He lay on a Blanket thin and meagre, and little else but Skin and Bones. *Senauki* his Wife sat by, fanning him with some *Indian* Feathers. There was no body that could talk *English*, so I could only shake Hands and leave him.

Friday, May 19. Being a little stronger in Body, I went this Morning to two little Villages, *Hampstead* and *Highgate*, about Five Miles off *Savannah*: The former consists of three Families, making in all eleven Souls; one Man a *Jew*; two Men, one Woman and seven Children *Swissers*. They live exceeding hard, but with a little Assistance may do very well. I was at a Loss, because I could not talk *French*; but however I resolv'd, under GOD, to visit them once a Week, and read Prayers to as many as could understand me. I also enquired into the State of their Children, and found there were many who might prove useful Members of the Colony,
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if there was a proper Place provided for their Maintenance and Education. Nothing can effect this but an Orphan-House, which might easily be erected at or near *Savannah*, would some of those that are rich in this World's Good, contribute towards it. *May GOD in his due Time, stir up the Wills of his faithful People, to be ready to distribute, and willing to communicate on this commendable Occasion!*

Saturday, May 20. Went once more to see *Tomo Chachi*, and hearing his Nephew *Toanoowee* was there, who could talk *English*, I desired him to enquire of his Uncle, Whether he thought he should die; who answered, He could not tell: I then asked, where he thought he should go after Death? He replied, to Heaven. *But alas, how can a Drunkard enter there!* I then exhorted *Toanoowee* (who is a tall proper Youth) not to get drunk, telling him, he understood *English*, and therefore would be punished the more, if he did not live better. I then asked him, Whether he believed a Heaven? He answered, Yes. I then asked, Whether he believed a Hell? and described it by pointing to the Fire; he replied, No. From whence we may easily gather, how natural it is to all Mankind to believe there is a Place of Happiness, because they wish it may be so, and on the contrary, how averse they are to believe a Place of Torment, because they wish it may not be so. But GOD is true and just, and as surely as the righteous shall go into everlasting Happiness, so the impenitently Wicked shall go into everlasting Punishment.

Wednesday, May 24. Went to Day to *Thunderbolt*, a Village about six Miles off *Savannah*, situated very pleasantly near the River, and consisting

sting of three Families, four Men and two Women, and ten Servants; I was kindly received, expounded a Chapter, used a few Collects, called on a Family or two that lay near our Way, and returned home to *Savannah* very comfortably, about six in the Evening. *Blessed be GOD for strengthening my weak Body!*—

Monday, June 11. On *Saturday* placed one that came with me at *Highgate*, to teach the Children *English*, that belong to that Village and *Hampstead*. They are about twenty in all, of *French* Extraction, but some few of them are able to speak a little in our vulgar Tongue. I thought placing a Master there would be beneficial. And to Day opened a School for the Girls of *Savannah*, a Friend, whose Heart GOD was pleased to touch on Board the Ship, having at my Request undertaken to teach them. *May GOD enable him to feed them with the sincere Milk of the Word, and give them Grace to grow thereby!*

Thursday, June 22. Was taken (as all about me thought for Death) with a violent Purging and Vomiting, which in the Space of five Hours quite exhausted my Spirits, and brought me in Appearance almost to the Point of Death. But GOD supported me by inward Comforts; and after taking a little Rest I awoke perfectly well. *O who can express the loving Kindness of the LORD, or shew forth all his Praise!*

Friday, July 7. Being the Anniversary for opening the Court, I preached in the Morning at the Magistrate's Request, and endeavoured with all Plainness and Humility to shew both them and the People what they ought to do to promote

promote their Temporal and Eternal Welfare.
O GOD, do thou bless it, and it shall be blessed through JESUS CHRIST.

Tuesday, July 11. Returned this Evening from *Ebenezer* (whither I went Yesterday) the Place where the *Saltzburghers* are settled; and was wonderfully pleased with their Order and Industry. Their Lands are improved surprisingly for the Time they have been there, and I believe they have far the best Crop of any in the Colony—They are blest with two such pious Ministers, as I have not often seen: They have no Courts of Judicature, but all little Differences are immediately and implicitly decided by their Ministers, whom they look upon and love as their Fathers. They have likewise an Orphan-House, in which are seventeen Children, and one Widow, and I was much delighted to see the Regularity wherewith it is managed.—Mr. *Bolzizius*, one of their Ministers, being with me on *Saturday*, I gave him some of my Poor's Store for his Orphans, and when I came to *Ebenezer*, he called them all before him, catechised and exhorted them to give GOD Thanks for his good Providence towards them; then prayed with them, and made them pray after him; then sung a Psalm, and afterwards the little Lambs came and shook me by the Hand one by one, and so we parted—Surely, whoever contributes to the Relief of the *Saltzburghers*, will perform an acceptable Sacrifice to our Blessed Master. They want a Place for Publick Worship, and Money to buy Cattle, and other Necessaries for the Orphan House and People. *May the great GOD raise up instruments to assist and relieve them; for his own Name's Sake!—*

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Tuesday, July 18. About ten o'Clock this Evening returned to *Savannah*, having set out from thence Yesterday to visit four or five Families that live at some of the outward Settlements about twelve Miles off. — Their Beginnings as yet are but small, but I cannot help thinking there are Foundations laying for great temporal and spiritual Blessings in *Georgia*. — Blessed be G O D, in *Savannah* they hear the Word gladly, and are not angry when I reprove them. — *May GOD keep them always thus minded, and prepare me for whatever Sufferings he shall permit to fall upon me for doing my Duty, either there or elsewhere!* — My ordinary Way of dividing my Ministerial Labours has been as follows, —

On *Sunday* Morning at five o'Clock, I publicly expound the Lesson for the Morning or Evening Service as I see most suited to the People's Edification; at ten I preach and read Prayers, at three in the Afternoon I do the same, and at seven expound Part of the *Church Catechism*, at which great Numbers are usually present. I visit from House to House, read publick Prayers, and expound twice, and catechize (unless something extraordinary happens,) and visit the Sick every Day, and read to as many of my Parishioners as will come to the Parsonage-house thrice a Week. — And blessed be G O D my feeble Labours, I hope, have not been altogether in vain in the LORD. *To Him alone be all the Glory.*

At *F R E D E R I C A.*

Tuesday, August 8. After a pleasant Passage of five or six Days arrived at *Frederica*, a Town situated southwardly above an hundred Miles from
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Savannah, and consisting of about an hundred and twenty Inhabitants. The People received me gladly, having had a Famine of the Word for a long Season. *May GOD give a Blessing to my short Visit amongst them!*—In the Evening we had publick Prayers, and expounding of the second Lesson under a large Tree, and as many came as could be expected. *Blessed be GOD.*

Wednesday, August 9. This Evening had Prayers and preached in a House which Mr. H. hired, and most of the Inhabitants, I believe, were present. Timber is sawing for the erecting a more commodious Place for publick Worship, 'till a Church can be built. *GOD grant we may always worship him in Spirit and in Truth, and then we may be assured that at all Times and in all Places he will hear us!*

Friday, August 11. Went this Morning to, and returned in the Evening from *Darien*, a Settlement about twenty Miles off *Frederica*, whither I went to see Mr. *MacLeod*, a worthy Minister of the *Scotch Church*. *Thanks be to GOD, who doth not leave Himself without Witnesses!*—In the Evening, because I was to take Boat about Midnight, I gave Notice I would preach as well as expound, at which almost all the Inhabitants attended; so that many were obliged to stand without the Door. When I told the People that Providence called me away, some wept. *Oh GOD how dost thou follow me with thy Blessings! I looked for Persecution, but lo! I am received as an Ambassador of Christ's Grace! Grace!*

Sunday, Aug. 13. Being disappointed of going by the Boat last Night, I read Prayers and preached twice, which caused great Joy among the

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the Hearers.—About Two in the Afternoon, most of the Inhabitants accompanied me to the *Bluff* or River side, and took their Leave of me in an affectionate Manner. *The good Lord reward them ten thousand Fold, and make me thankful for his unmerited Mercies!*

At SAVANNAH.

Wednesday, Aug. 16. Arrived this Day at *Savannah*, and had the Pleasure of meeting one of my Friends safe, who had been lost, the News of which hastened my Return; he was from *Tuesday* till *Friday* roving about the Woods, during which Time the great Guns were fired. Many of the People went out Day and Night after him.—As soon as I had refreshed myself I went and visited my Parishioners from House to House to return them Thanks for their Kindness to my Friends.—At Evening Prayers (and a large Congregation was present) I returned my dear Hearers hearty Thanks for the late Instance of their sincere Affection: and publickly exhorted him that had been lost to shew forth his Thankfulness not only with his Lips but with his Life. *Even so LORD JESUS, Amen and Amen!*

Wednesday, August 23. Was obliged to Day to express my Repentment against Infidelity by refusing to read the Burial Office over the most professed Unbeliever I ever yet met with.—God was pleased to visit him with a lingering Illness, in which Time I went to see him frequently.—Particularly about five Weeks ago, I asked him what Religion he was of; he answered, “Religion was divided into so many Sects, he knew
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“not which to chuse.”—Another Time, I offered to pray with him, but he would not accept it, upon which I resolv’d to go see him no more.—But being told two Days before he died, that he had an Inclination to see me, I went to him again, and after a little Conversation I put to him the following Questions, “Do you believe JESUS CHRIST to be GOD, the one Mediator between GOD and Man?” He said, “I believe CHRIST was a good Man.” “—Do you believe the Holy Scriptures?” “I believe, replied he, something of the Old Testament, the New I do not believe at all”.—“Do you believe, Sir, a Judgment to come?” he turned himself about, and replied, “I know not what to say to that.”—Alas, said I, Sir, “If all these Things should be true,—— which Words, I believe gave him Concern, for he seemed after to be very uneasy, grew delirious, and departed in a Day or two.—Unhappy Man, how quickly he was convinced! The Day after his Decease he was carried to the Ground, and I refused to read the Office over him, but went to the Grave and told the People what had passed between him and me, and warning all against Infidelity, I asked them whether I could safely say, “as our Hope is this our Brother doth?” Upon which I believe they were thoroughly satisfied that I had done right.—GOD grant this may be a Warning to surviving Unbelievers!

Thursday, August 24. This Day went to Highgate with a Friend or two, and read Prayers, preached and baptiz’d a Child, and catechised in a House lately erected by the Inhabitants. For upon my sending a Master to teach
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their Children, one offered to give me a Part of his Lot, and the rest to give their Labour. Accordingly I accepted of it, found Materials, and to Day it was fit to preach in, and be made a School-House of. The Children, though Foreigners, answered admirably well, which gave me great Hopes that the other Foreign Children of the Colony may also learn our *English* Tongue when a proper Master is provided.—After Service we refreshed ourselves together, thanked our Good God, and eat our Bread with Gladness of Heart. *Blessed be thy Name, O LORD, for spreading a Table for us in the Wilderness!*

Sunday, August 27. After earnest Prayer and Consultation, finding it was necessary for me to go to England, to get Priest's Orders, and to raise Contributions for an Orphan-house, which I saw was greatly wanted; this Afternoon I preached my Farewel Sermon, to the great Grief of my dear Parishioners, whose Hearts were very full as well as mine, which we all expressed by shedding many Tears. But a sensible Alteration appear'd in their Countenances, when I promised them solemnly before God to return as soon as possible.—The Weather was exceeding hot, and the Greatness of the Congregation made it still hotter, but when we are weak, then are we strong. *May God enable me to perform my Promise, and prepare my Way before me!*

Monday, August 28. This being the Day of my Departure, it was mostly spent in taking Leave of my Flock, who expressed their Affection more than ever.—About Four in the Afternoon I went into the Boat provided for me by Mr. C. who with the Recorder came to my House

House and took their Leave. A great Number of People came also to the *Bluff* to wish me a good Voyage, and a speedy Return.—My Heart was full, and I took the first Opportunity of venting it by Prayers and Tears. *O these Partings! Hasten, O LORD, that Time when we shall part no more!*

Charles-Town, South-Carolina:

Sunday, Sept. 3. Arrived last Night here, and preached twice to Day, I hope with some good Effect. The Bishop of *London's* Commissary, the Rev. Mr. G. received me very courteously, and with several others offered me Lodging. *How does God raise me up Friends wherever I go! Who is so good a GOD as our GOD?—* Was much pleased with the Neatness of the Buildings, and the Largeness of the Place. The Church is very beautiful, and the Inhabitants seemed to be excellently well settled. *G O D's Judgments have been late abroad amongst them by the spreading of the Small-Pox, I hope they will learn Righteousness!*

On Board the Mary, Captain Coe, Commander, bound from Charles-Town to England.

Saturday, Sept. 6. Found there was a general Expectation among the Inhabitants of my preaching as To-morrow; but the Wind being fair I came on Board about Noon, and we were to sail about five in the Evening. *The Lord send us a prosperous Voyage,*
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and bring us in his appointed Time to the Haven where we would be!

Saturday, Sept. 16. Had contrary Winds all the Week, and got but a few Leagues from *Charles-Town*, which the Captain thought was a Curse upon him for not staying over *Sunday*. There are but few Souls on Board, and all that I can do is to read publick Prayers, and add a Word of Exhortation twice every Day. Had I my own Will, I could wish myself a speedy Passage, that I may return the sooner to those few Sheep I have left at *Savannah*; but GOD knows best.—*Oh! that this Retirement may be blessed to fit me for whatever Work may be before me!*

Saturday, Sept. 23. Still GOD is pleased to send us contrary Winds; however, my Mind, blessed be GOD, has been composed and easy. Only the Absence of my Friends, now and then struck a Damp upon my Spirits.—But the Friend of all is with and in me, and he by his Spirit, I trust, will supply the Want of all.—*Amen, LORD JESUS, Amen.*

Sunday 24. Monday, Sept. 25. Was oppressed much in Spirit these two Days. *We must not always be upon the Mount in this Life.*—Buried a young Man that came from *Georgia*, and died this Morning. LORD, what is Man? He solaced himself with the Thoughts of seeing his Friends in *England*. But GOD saw fit to prevent it by shortning his Days. *LORD, thy Judgments are like the great Deep!*—When I buried him, I could not say much, because of the rowling of the Ship; but at Evening-Prayer I took occasion from the Lesson (which providentially was the 15th Chapter of the first of *Corin-*

Corinthians) to exhort all my Shipmates to consider so as to prepare for their latter End. *GOD grant it may have a due Effect!*

Friday, October 6. On *Tuesday* Night last (after we had sailed 150 Miles, the preceding twenty-four Hours) about eleven o'Clock arose a sudden violent *East Wind*, which continued till about Four in the Morning, and put all the Sailors to their Wits End.—Most of them declared they never had seen the like before. The main Sail was slit in several Pieces, and several of the other Sails, and much of the Tackling was torn all to Tatters: not a dry Place was to be found in all the Ship: the Captain's Hammock, in the great Cabin, was half filled with Water; and though I lay in the dryest Part of the Ship, yet the Waves broke in upon me twice or thrice. In short, all was Terror and Confusion. The Men's Heart failed them for fear, and the Wind and the Sea raged horribly. But *GOD* (*for ever be adored his unmerited Goodness*) was exceeding gracious unto me. For I felt a sweet Complacency in my Will, in Submission to his. Many particular Promises that I should return in Peace, flowed in upon my Heart, which caused me to rejoice amidst all.—This is the first Day we have ventured to pull down any of our dead Lights; most of our fresh Provisions are washed over Board, and our Tackling much out of Order, so that we have a Prospect but of an indifferent Voyage. *May I now learn how to want as well as how to abound, and be taught to endure Hardness like a good Soldier of Jesus Christ!*

Saturday, October 7. This Evening, having had no Opportunity before since the Storm, of
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getting of our People together, I gave them a Word or two of Exhortation. *LORD keep us from being like the ungrateful Lepers!*

Saturday, Oct. 14 Sailed this Week about 600 Miles; but Yesterday God was pleased to send us a contrary Wind again, which still continues.—I have also had many inward Trials. All our fresh Provisions are gone, and the People are put to the Allowance of a Quart of Water each Man a Day. *O Dear Redeemer, do thou enable us in every Thing to give Thanks, since it is thy blessed Will concerning us.*

Sunday, Oct. 15. The Weather being calm, and being kindly invited Yesterday, went on board the *Constant*, Capt. *Philips*, bound from *Jamaica*, and was kindly received both by the Captain and his Passengers, and not only so, but they spared me what they could of their Provisions. A providential Supply. *But our Extremity is GOD's Opportunity.*—Our chief Discourse was about *Georgia*; and staying a little longer than was expected, my Shipmates were very suspicious that I should be detained on board. But I promised to return; and therefore, notwithstanding I was strongly solicited to the contrary, so I did.—*God reward our kind Benefactors, and make us truly thankful for such an unexpected Relief!*

Saturday, Oct. 21. Made but slow Advances in our Voyage, having had but one or two Days of fair Wind. And God has been pleased to continue to visit me with a Variety of inward Trials. *These Things are not joyous, but grievous. GOD grant that I may be truly exercised thereby, and that they may bring forth in me the peaccable Fruits of Righteousness!*

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Saturday, Oct. 28. Blessed be GOD! he has this Week enlarged my Heart, and filled me with great Comfort, after great inward Conflicts.—Sailed above 300 Miles the four first Days: Had a little Storm on *Wednesday* Night, and a great Calm ever since. We are now within 150 Leagues of Land, but our Provisions and Water are very scanty, and our Ship very weak. *LORD, teach us to be resigned and thankful, and then deal with us as seemeth good in thy Sight.*—Had Reason to believe one on board was offended at my enlarging one Night on the Sin of *Drunkennes*.—But if People will account me their Enemy, because out of Love I tell them the Truth, I cannot help that. *I have delivered my Soul!*

Monday, Oct. 30. Still God is pleased that the Wind, what there is of it, should be contrary, and our Ship's Company are now brought into great Streights Their Allowance of Water is a Quart a Day, and our constant Food for some Time has been Salt Beef, and Water-Dumplings, which do not agree with the Stomachs of all amongst us. Some say we are within a hundred Leagues of Land. But what does that signify, if God says, *Hitherto shalt you go, and no further.* *LORD, in thy due Time, blessed Redeemer, let that which now letteth be taken away.*

Tuesday, Oct. 31: Was comforted To-Night in our present Circumstances, by the Verses out of this Evening's Lesson.—*I have learnt in whatsoever State I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound; every where, and in all Things I am instructed, both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and*

to suffer Need. I can do all through **CHRIST** which strengtheneth me. Even so come, **LORD JESUS**. Amen, and Amen.

Wednesday, Nov. 1. This Afternoon, about 4 o'Clock, as I was in Secret humbling my Soul before God, News was brought that the Wind was fair; upon which, we joined in Singing the first Part of the 34th *Psalms*, (new Version) which was very applicable to our Circumstances. For they tell me they have not above three Days Water on Board, allowing a Quart to each Man a Day. **LORD** help us to hold out our three Watches, and at the fourth Watch I know thou wilt come. Even so come **LORD JESUS**.

Thursday, Nov. 4. For these two Days last past, **GOD** has been pleased greatly to humble my Soul, and bring me low by spiritual Deser-tions. I am sometime afraid lest continued Ab-stinence may occasion a bodily Sickness. But wherefore do I fear? If it does, that and every Thing else shall work for Good.—To-day we have again a contrary Wind—Blessed be **GOD**! Our Allowance of Water now is but a Pint a Day, so that we dare not eat much Beef. Our Sails are exceeding thin, some more of them were split last Night, and no one knows where we are; but **GOD** does, and that is sufficient.

Sunday, Nov. 5. This Day we rejoiced with trembling. For though we thereon commemo-rated our Deliverance from the *Gunpowder-Plot*, yet as our Circumstances called for Acts of Hu-miliation, I used Part of the Office of Commi-nation, (besides solemn Prayer and *Psalms* three Times) and enlarged on these Words of *St. James*, “ My Brethren, count it all Joy, when
“ ye

“ ye fall into divers Temptations ; knowing this,
 “ that the Trial of your Faith worketh Pati-
 “ ence : But let Patience have her perfect Work.”
 I hope this had a good Effect upon my Hearers
 Hearts, and calmed their ruffled Spirits. Indeed
 we are brought very low : But I can say with the
 Penitent Thief, “ That I suffer justly.” *Lord,*
remember me now thou art in thy Kingdom !

Monday, Nov. 6. Last Night about Seven
 o’Clock, G O D was pleased to suffer another
 violent Wind to arise, which would not permit
 me to rise till this Afternoon, about which Time
 it began in some Measure to abate. *Glory be to*
thee, O Lord !

Wednesday, Nov. 8. Most of us in the great
 Cabin now begin to be weak, and look hollow-
 eyed—Yet a little while, and we shall come to
 Extremity ; and then G O D’s Arm will bring us
 Salvation. *May we patiently tarry His Leisure !*
 Amen ! Amen !

Thursday, Nov. 9. Enjoyed great Peace of
 Mind To-day, and was stronger in Body than
 usual. We are now making for *Ireland*, and are
 advanced some Leagues towards it. Whether we
 shall arrive there or not, G O D only knows.
 I find all Uneasiness arises from having a Will
 of my own. And therefore I would desire to will
 only what G O D willeth. *Oh ! when will this*
once be ?

Saturday, Nov. 11. Still we are floating about,
 not knowing where we are. But our People
 seem yet to have Hopes of seeing *Ireland*.—The
 Weather also begins to be cold, so that we can
 say, *We are now in Hungrings and Thirstings,*
Cold and Frostings often.—An Ounce or two of
 Salt-Beef, a Pint of muddy Water, and a Cake

made of Flour and Skimmings of the Pot, is my daily Allowance.—*May we now learn, that Man doth not live by Bread alone.*

Sunday, Nov. 12. Blessed b. the LORD GOD of Israel, who this Day hath visited a distressed People! About 8 o'Clock this Morning News were brought, that our Men saw Land, and I went and was a joyful Spectator of it myself. The Air was clear, and the Sun was rising in full Strength, so that 'tis the most pleasant Day I have seen these many Weeks. *The LORD will not always be chiding, neither keepeth he his Anger for ever.*—As soon as I had taken a View of the Land, we joined together in Prayer and a Psalm of Thanksgiving, and already began to reflect with Pleasure on our late Streights. Thus it will be hereafter: the Storms and Tempests of this troublesome World will serve to render our Haven of eternal Rest doubly agreeable.—His good Providence has been pleased to bring us into a fine large Bay, surrounded on each Side with high Lands and Himmocks, much like those near *Gibraltar*, and a large House on the Foreland, from which in the Evening was shewn a Light. It lies on the North-west of *Ireland*, and most suppose we are near *Limerick*, but are not certain, only one of our Men having been here before. There are no Soundings till you come very near the Land. The Wind being against us (that little that was of it) we could not get much forward: *But GOD in his due Time will bring us on Shore.*

Tuesday, Nov 14. Was uneasy and restless all *Monday* Night; because, although the Weather was so exceeding Calm, and we in so great Distress, and very near the Land, yet no Boat

was

was sent to fetch us Provisions. Upon this I spoke to the Captain, and he to the Mate, who in the Morning went with a Boat, and about Noon this Day returned loaded with Provisions and Water; and not only so, but told us, he was kindly intreated by the People he met with, especially by a Country Gentleman, who came from his Seat at Midnight, on Purpose to relieve him and his Companions; furnished them with a fresh Boat and other Necessaries, most kindly invited me, though unknown, to his House, to stay as long as I please; and has order'd Horses to wait ready to take me thither. *Who is so good a God, as our God?* We had but half a Pint of Water left, and my Stomach was exceeding weak, through long Abstinence; but now his Almighty Arm hath brought us Salvation.

*Thro' all the changing Scenes of Life,
In Trouble and in Joy,
The Praises of my GOD shall still
My Heart and Tongue employ.*

*Of his Deliverance I will boast,
Till all that are distressed
From my Example Comfort take,
And charm their Grief to rest.*

*Fear him ye Saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you his Service your Delight,
Your Wants shall be his Care.*

As soon as the Provisions came, we kneeled down and returned hearty Thanks to our good
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GOD, whose Mercy endureth for ever ; and about six at Night, being carried by a pleasant Gale, we cast Anchor before *Karrigholt* Island.—*Praise the LORD, O my Soul, and all that is within me praise his Holy Name!*—We have now been on Board just nine Weeks and three Days.—A long and perilous, but I trust on the Whole a profitable Voyage. My Cloaths have not been off (except to change me) all the Passage: Part of the Time I lay on open Deck, Part on a Chest, and the Remainder on a Bed-stead cover'd with my *Buffaloe's* * Skin. About seven at Night I dress'd myself and went on Shore, and was received in a strong Castle belonging to Mr. *M.* the Gentleman who sent me an Invitation. He himself was not at Home, having went some Miles up to meet me ; but his Servant kindly received us: *I asked for Water, and she gave me Milk, and brought forth Butter in a lordly Dish:* and never did I make a more comfortable Meal: About ten the Gentleman (having missed of me at the Place appointed) came through the Rain, and entertain'd us most hospitably, and about One we went to Bed.—*May our Song henceforward be always of thy Loving Kindness, O Lord!*

KILRUSH in IRELAND.

This Morning about 11 o'Clock, after being most hospitably entertain'd by Mr. *Mac Mahon*, and furnished with Three Horses, I and my Servant and my new Convert set out for *Dublin*, and reached *Kilrush*, a little Town, about eight *Irish* Miles from *Karrigholt*, about two in the After-

* A large Creature like an Ox, common in the southern Woods of *America*.

noon, where we were sweetly refreshed, and carried the Remainder of the Day with Capt. C. who last Night with his whole Crew was like to be shipwreck'd; but this Morning, by the good Providence of G O D; was brought hither on Shore.—At our first coming into our Inn, we kneeled down and prayed; and again at Night sung Psalms, and prayed with the Captain and several of our Ship-mates.—*May this be our eternal Emphy when arriv'd at the World of Spirits!*

Fourthfargus and Limerick.

Saturday, Nov. 19. Had a very pleasant ride Yesterday over a fine fruitful open Country to *Fourthfargus*, a Village as was reckoned only ten, but at a moderate Computation thirty *English* Miles from *Kilrush*. And about two this Afternoon we reach'd *Limerick*, a large Garrison Town, with a Cathedral in it, about twenty one *English* Miles from *Fourthfargus*.—Good GOD! Where was I last *Saturday*? In Hunger, Cold and Thirsting; but now I enjoy Fulness of Bread, and all Things convenient for me. GOD grant, I may not, *Jeshurun* like, wax fat and kick! Perhaps it is more difficult to know how to abound, than how to want. *We can do all Things thro' Christ strengthening us!*

Sunday, Nov. 20. Having sent last Night to inform Dr. *Burscough*, Bishop of *Limerick*, that I was lately arrived: At his Lordship's Appointment, I waited on him this Morning, and was received with the utmost Candour and Civility. At his Lordship's Request, I also preached this Morning at the Cathedral, to a very numerous Audience, who seem'd universally affected.—After

Sermon the Mayor sent twice to invite me, but I was pre-engaged to the Bishop.—*O that I may be accounted worthy after the Trials of this troublesome World are over, to sit down with the great Shepherd and Bishop of our Souls in his heavenly Kingdom!*

TULLER-BRIDGE.

Monday, Nov. 20. Went about *Limeick* Town this Morning, to dispatch some necessary Business; and found the Seed sown Yesterday, had been watered from above. For all the Inhabitants seem'd alarmed, and look'd most wishfully at me, as I pass'd along. One substantial Tradesman in particular even compell'd me to come in, shew'd me and my Friend uncommon Civilities, and told me how solicitous the People were for my staying longer.—Another came to my Inn, and begg'd me to come and see him, which I did.—And His Lordship, when I went to take Leave of him, kissed me, and said, “Mr. *Whitfield*, GOD bless you, I wish you Success abroad. Had you staid in Town, this House should have been your Home.”—*Blessed be GOD for these fresh Instances of his unmerited Goodness!*

DUBLIN.

Tuesday, Nov. 21. Arriv'd at *Dublin* Yesterday about Noon, and went that Night to visit Doctor *D.* who most kindly received me, and preached twice to Day at the Churches of *Warborough* and *St. Andrew's*, I believe with some Success; for the People, as it were, hung upon me in the Morning, and flock'd to the Church where

where I preached in the Afternoon; so that it was like a *London* Congregation — *LORD, I am unworthy of all these Mercies which thou hast shown thy Servant!*

Tuesday, Nov. 28. By the Advice, and through the Introduction of *Dr. D.* I waited on *Dr. R.* Bishop of *Londonerry*, and the Archbishop of *Armagh*, Lord Primate of all *Ireland*: the former engaged me to dine with him on the Morrow if I staid in Town, and the latter to dine with him at three this Afternoon, at which Time I waited on, and was courteously received both by His Grace and his Clergy, who I found had heard of me from a Gentleman of *Gibraltar*. — *Dearest Jesus, give me Humility, so shall thy Favours not prove my Ruin!*

E N G L A N D.

Friday, December 8. On *Thursday*, after near twelve Months Absence from *London*, three Months from *Georgia*, and a pleasant Passage of twenty-four Hours from *Dubin*, to my great Comfort arriv'd safe at *Parkgate*. Preach'd twice on *Sunday* at *Manchester*, and about three Yesterday in the Afternoon, reach'd *St. Albans*; and this Morning in my Way to *London*, was agreeably surpris'd with the Sight of some of my Christian Friends, who came out to meet me, at which I was not a little comforted. — *And now, Thou glorious Emanuel, what shall I say? What shall I render to thee for all thy Mercies?*

*My Life, my Blood I here present,
 If for thy Truth they may be spent,
 Fulfil thy Sou'reign Counsel, LORD:
 Thy Will be done! thy Name ador'd!*

*Give me thy Strength, O GOD of Power!
 Then let Winds blow, or Thunders roar,
 Thy faithful Witness will I be—
 'Tis fix'd! I can do all thro' Thee!*

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TO
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To the REVEREND
Mr. *GEORGE WHITEFIELD*.

I.

BROTHER in CHRIST, and well-belov'd,
Attend, and add thy Pray'r to mine ;
As AARON call'd, yet inly mov'd,
To minister in Things divine.

II.

Faithful, and often own'd of GOD,
Vessel of Grace, by JESUS us'd ;
Stir up the Gift on thee bestow'd,
The Gift by hallow'd Hands transfus'd.

III.

Fully thy heavenly Mission prove,
And make thy own Election sure ;
Rooted in Faith, and Hope, and Love,
Active to work, and firm t' endure.

IV.

Scorn to contend with Flesh and Blood,
And trample on so mean a Foe ;
By stronger Fiends in vain withstood,
Dauntless to nobler Conquests go.

V.

Go where the darkest Tempest low'rs,
 Thy Foes triumphant Wrestler foil;
 Thrones, Principalities, and Powers,
 Engage, o'ercome, and take the Spoil.

VI.

The Weapons of thy Warfare take,
 With Truth and Meekness arm'd ride on;
 Mighty, through God, Hell's Kingdom shake,
 Satan's strong Holds, through God, pull down.

VII.

Humble each vain aspiring Boast,
 Intensely for GOD'S Glory burn;
 Strongly declare the Sinner lost,
Self-righteousness o'erturn, o'erturn.

VIII.

Tear the bright Idol from his Shrine,
 Nor suffer him on Earth to dwell;
 T'usurp the Place of Blood Divine,
 But chase him to his native Hell.

IX.

Be all into Subjection brought,
 The Pride of Man let Faith abase;
 And captivate his every Thought,
 And force him to be sav'd by Grace.

CHARLES WESLEY.

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L O N D O N.

SUNDAY, December 10. Waited Yesterday Morning on the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and the Bishop of *London*, and met with a favourable Reception from both, but was not so civilly treated by some of the Clergy; for five Churches have been already denied me.—However, I had an Opportunity of preaching in the Morning at *St. Helens*, and at *Islington* in the Afternoon, to large Congregations indeed, with great Freedom and Enlargement of Heart.—In the Evening I went to a Society in *Fetter-lane*, where we had (what might not improperly be called) a Love-Feast, eating a little Bread and Water, and spending about two Hours in Singing and Prayers.—*Surely a primitive Spirit is reviving amongst us. May God knit my Heart to theirs more and more!*

Sun-

Sunday, December 24. Preached twice, and went in the Evening to *Crooked-lane* Society, where several cavilled against the Doctrine of the New Birth.—Afterwards I went and expounded to a Company in *Little-Britain*; then to another in *Fetter-lane*; and, it being *Christmas-Eve*, continued till near Four in the Morning in Prayer, Psalms, and Thanksgiving, with many Christian Brethren—God gave us a great Spirit of Supplication. *Adored be his free Grace in Christ Jesus, Amen and Amen!*

Monday, December 25. About four this Morning went and prayed, and expounded to a Society in *Redcross-street*, consisting of near two or three hundred People, * and found the Room was exceeding hot.—At Six I went to another in *Crossed Fryars*, and expounded as well as I could, but perceived myself a little oppressed with Drowsiness. Afterwards I preached thrice, and assisted in administering the Sacrament—This Day twenty-four Years was I baptized. Lord! to what little Purpose have I lived? *Quicken, oh quicken my tardy Pace!*

Sunday, December 31. Preached twice to large Congregations, especially in the Afternoon, at *Spittlefields'* Church.—After that my Cold being very great, I despaired of speaking; but God enabled me to expound to two Companies in *Southwark*, and I think I was never more enlarged in Prayer.—Many seem'd to be prick'd to the Heart, and to feel themselves Sinners. *Oh that all the World knew and felt that!*

* The first Time I ever prayed extempore before such a Number in public.

Monday, Jan 1. Received the holy Sacrament, preached twice, and expounded twice, and found this to be the happiest *New-Year's Day* that I ever yet saw.—*Oh that old Things may pass away, and all Things become new in all our Hearts!*—Afterwards spent the whole Night in close Prayer, Psalms and Thanksgivings with the *Fetter lane* Society.

Thursday, Jan 4. Tho' my Cold continued, and I feared it would prevent my speaking, yet God enabled me to expound in a private Society, and then to preach at *Wapping Chapel*, and afterwards to expound and pray for an Hour and an half, with uncommon Freedom of Heart! *How bountifully does Jesus Christ reward His Followers for their Services!* As soon as their daily Work is done, he says, *Enter ye into the Joy of your Lord: He commands, and it is done.*

Friday, Jan. 5. Held a Conference at *Islington*, concerning several Things of Importance, with seven Ministers of *Jesus Christ*, despised *Methodists*, whom God in his Providence brought together.—We continued in Fasting and Prayer till three o'Clock, and then parted with a full Conviction that God was about to do great Things among us. *O that we may be any Way instrumental to his Glory! Oh that he would make us Vessels pure and holy, meet for such a dear Master's Use!*

Sunday, Jan. 7. Preached twice, expounded to three Societies, and afterwards spent the whole Night in Prayer and Thanksgiving at *Fetter-lane*.—There was a great deal of Divine Influence amongst us.—*Oh that we may increase with all the Increase of GOD!*

Mon.

Monday, Jan. 8. Was carried through the Work of the Day with about an Hour's Sleep, and expounded in the Evening, and withstood a virulent Opposer of the Doctrine of the New Birth, and Justification in the Sight of God by Faith only.— But what can be said to those that will not be convinced? *Lord, open thou their Hearts and Eyes.*

Tuesday, Jan. 10. Staid at Home To-day to talk with many that came to me under strong Awakenings: And preached in the Evening at *Great St. Helen's*, for erecting a Church for the *Salisbury* in *Georgia*. Thirty three Pounds were collected. The People gave most readily. *Good Measure pressed down and running over, may GOD return into their Bosom!*

O X F O R D.

Wednesday, Jan. 11. Slept about three Hours, rose at five, set out at ten, and reached *Oxford*, whither I went to receive Priest's Orders, by five in the Evening.— As I entered the City, I endeavoured to call to Mind the Mercies I had received since I first came there. *O that my Heart may be melted down by a Sense of them: but alas they are more than I am able to express or remember; I can only say, Grace! Grace!*

Friday, Jan. 12. Breakfasted with sixteen or seventeen Christian Brethren; expounded and read Prayers at the Castle to many devout Souls. Received the Holy Sacrament at *St. Mary's*, expounded with great Liberty at *Mr. F's*, went with the other Candidates for Holy Orders to subscribe to the Articles; and afterwards had
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close Conversation with many Gownsmen at *Corpus Christi* College. — *Oh! that I may be prepared for To-morrow's Solemnity! Amen, Lord Jesus, Amen.*

Sunday, Jan. 4. This, blessed be God, has been a Day of fat Things. — Rose in the Morning, and prayed and sung Psalms; and afterwards was ordained Priest at *Christ's-Church*. Before, I was a little dissipated, but at Imposition of Hands, my Mind was in an humble Frame, and I was comforted at the holy Sacrament. — That I might begin to make Proof of my Ministry, I preached, and administred the Sacrament at the Castle; and preached again in the Afternoon at *St. Alban's* to a crowded Congregation. — The Church was surrounded with Gownsmen of all Degrees, who, contrary to their Custom, stood attentive at the Windows during my Sermon. — God enabled me to preach with Power, and quite took away my Hoarseness, so that I could lift up my Voice like a Trumpet. — After Sermon, I joined in giving Thanks to our good God for all the Mercies he had conferred upon me; then I read Prayers at *Carfax*, expounded to a large and devout Company both of Men and Women at a private House, and spent the Remainder of the Evening with thirteen more, where God gave me great Cheerfulness of Spirit. *Grace! Grace!*

L O N D O N.

Monday, Jan. 15. Took a most affectionate Leave of my dear *Oxon* Brethren, and reached *London* by Five, where I met with the first Pamphlet

let published against me. It was wrote by a Clergyman. *Thou shalt answer for me, my Lord and my God.*

Tuesday, Jan. 16. After much Opposition, read Prayers, and preached to a thronged and affected Audience at *St. Helens*.—And having expounded afterwards twice to two Companies, whom I left in Tears, I then return'd full of that Peace, which passeth all Understanding. *Surely it is a Peace that the World cannot give!*

Wednesday, Jan. 17. Waited on the honourable the Trustees, who most kindly received me, and highly approved of my persisting in my Design of erecting an Orphan-house at *Georgia*.—*The LORD enable me to bring it to good Effect!*

Friday, Jan. 19. Did some necessary Business for *Georgia*, and spent the Afternoon in visiting some Dissenting Christian Brethren. *For as such, I acknowledge all who love the Lord Jesus in Sincerity and Truth.*

Sunday, Jan. 21. Preached twice with great Freedom in my Heart and Clearness in my Voice to two thronged Congregations, especially in the Afternoon, when, as I was informed, near a thousand People stood out in the Church-yard, and Hundreds more returned Home that could not come in.—This put me first upon thinking of preaching without Doors. I mentioned it to some Friends, who looked upon it as a *mad Motion*. However we kneeled down and prayed that nothing may be done rashly.—*Hear and answer, O LORD, for thy Name's Sake.*

Monday, Jan. 22. Spent all the Day in necessary Business for my *Savannah* Flock, and in the

Evening expounded to three several Societies, one of which was the most polite I ever yet saw. Some mocked, but others were affected, especially three Quakers, who afterwards came and paid me a short Visit. *Visit them and all, O LORD, with thy Salvation!*

Tuesday, Jan. 23. Staid at Home To-day as usual, to receive People, and still had the Comfort of having many come to me, who have been awakened to a Sense of the New-Birth. *What Reason have I to bless God for sending me to England! Praise him all ye Host of his, let every Thing that hath Breath praise the Lord.*

Received a Packet of Letters from my dear Friend *H—m*, by which I find the infinite Wisdom of God more and more, in sending me to *England*.—The poor People of *Savannah* love me still most affectionately. But the Colony seems to be at a low Ebb. *Poor Georgia! When thou art universally despised, and quite despairest of human Help, then may God manifest his mighty Arm in thy Salvation.*—Read Prayers and preached at *St. Helens*, with great Power, to a crowded and attentive Audience, and was afterwards enabled to expound to two Companies.—*Not unto me, O Lord, not unto me, but to thy Name be the Glory!*

Wednesday, Jan. 24. Preached a Charity Sermon, went to *Newington* to see *Dr. Watts*, who received me most cordially, and returned in the Evening and expounded to two Companies.—Wrote several Letters to my Friends at *Savannah*, and was filled with Holy Joy.—*Oh that all that deny or plead against this Blessing, might indeed receive it themselves!*

Thurs.

Thursday, Jan. 25. Received the Sacrament at *Bow Church*.—At two in the Afternoon read Prayers and preached at *Christ-Church, Spital-fields*, for the Orphan-house.—This done, I went and gave a Word or two of Exhortation, and prayed to a Company that waited for me. Then I expounded with uncommon Pleasure to a Society in *Leadenhall-street*.—About Eight to another Society, and after Nine to a third, at both which my Soul was much refreshed with divine Comforts, and which also much strengthened my Body, and made my Feet like Hart's Feet in my Return Home. *What a gracious Master do Christians serve!*

Friday, Jan. 26. Waited upon, and had a Conference of near two Hours, with an opposing Clergyman.—His grand Objection was against our private Societies, and using extempore Prayer, which he grounded on the Authority of the Canons, and the Act of *Charles II.* In Answer, I shewed that the Act was entirely levelled against seditious schismatical Meetings, contrary to the Church of *England*, which confines us to a Form in publick Worship only. He replied, that ours was publick Worship; but this I deny. For ours were Societies never intended to be set up in Opposition to the publick Worship, by Law established; but only in Imitation of the primitive Christians, who continued daily with one Accord in the Temple, and yet in Fellowship building up one another, and exhorting one another from House to House.—*Can it be criminal to be Followers of them?*

Saturday, Jan. 27. Slept but little To-night, as well as the Night before, but was much strength-

strengthened without it by the Holy Spirit. Rose about Five, spent above an Hour most agreeably in Prayer, singing and reading the Scriptures with the Church in Mr. D——'s House; some of whom, after the Example of their Lord, passed the whole Night in the same delightful Employment.—Came to *London* about Nine in the Morning, and expounded twice in *Beech-lane*, where, I believe, near seven hundred People were present; *Lord Jesus be present in all their Hearts!*

Sunday, Jan. 28. Received the Sacrament at *Crooked-lane* Church, afterwards went and preach'd at *Ironmongers* Alms-houses, not doubting, but there would be Hundreds more than the Chapel would hold. I took two written Sermons with me, one for within, and the other without; but to my Surprise, found there were no more than could conveniently hear me from the Pulpit.—In the Afternoon I preached at *St. Katharine's*, and then expounded to two large Companies in the *Minories*, with such Assistance from above, as I never spoke with before. *Oh free Grace in Christ Jesus!*

Monday, Jan. 29. Expounded twice, and sat up 'till near One in the Morning, with my honoured Friend and Fellow-labourer, Mr. *John Welby*, in Conference with two Clergymen, and some others, who strongly oppose our Manner of preaching up the Doctrine of the New-Birth. *We believe, LORD JESUS, that thou wilt come to be our Judge.*

Tuesday, Jan. 30. Preached at *Duke's-Place* and *St. Helens*, to crowded Audiences, and afterwards expounded twice on *Dowgate-hill*, where the People pressed mightily to come in.

The Minister of the Parish threatens the Master of the House with a Prosecution. *But, blessed be God, we breathe in a free Air.*

GRAVESEND.

Wednesday, Jan. 31. Rose at Three in the Morning, and went with some Christian Friends in a Boat to *Gravesend*, where I have been long expected.—God inclined the Ministers Hearts to let me have the Use of both their Pulpits; I therefore preached and read Prayers at Three in the Afternoon at the Church without, and did the same afterwards at the Church within the Town.

Thursday, February 1. Read Prayers and expounded on the third of *St. John*; expounded at a private House in the Afternoon, and read Prayers and expounded a third Time on the Conversion of *St. Paul* in the Evening.—Took Boat about Eleven, spoke warmly to the Passengers in the Way, and came to *London* rejoicing about five in the Morning. *The Lord preserve our going out, and our coming in, from this Time forth for evermore! Amen, and Amen.*

LONDON.

Friday, Feb. 2. Slept about two Hours, and then preached at *Islington Church*, where I collected twenty-two Pounds for the Orphan-house.—Expounded in the Evening, at *Mr. Abbot's*; preached with great Freedom at *Wapping-Chapel*; then expounded to another Society, and returned Home without Fatigue or Weariness. *How does GOD deal with us! He gives us a Heaven*

upon Earth! Surely Wisdom's Ways are Ways of Pleasantness.—

Sunday, Feb. 4. Had a comfortable Night's Rest; was warmed much by talking to an almost Christian, that came to ask me certain Questions.——Preached in the Morning at *St. George's in the East*, collected Eighteen Pounds for the Orphan-House, and where, I believe, were 600 Communicants.— Preached in the Afternoon at *Christ-Church, Spital-fields*; in the Evening at *St. Margaret's, Westminster*; then took a little bodily Refreshment, and then went, where I spent the whole following Night in watching unto Prayer, in *Fetter-lane*, with many Christian Friends. About Four in the Morning, we went all together and broke Bread at a poor sick Person's Room, and so we parted, I hope, in a Spirit not unlike that of the primitive Christians. *Thanks be to GOD for such Antepasts of Heaven!*

Tuesday, Feb. 6. Was refreshed much this Morning, and found that the Sleep of a labouring Man was sweet.— Waited on the Bishop of *Gloucester* with Mr. *John Wesley*, and received his Lordship's liberal Benefaction for *Georgia*.— Went to *St. Helen's*, where, all on a sudden, I was taken so ill in Body, and was so deserted in Soul, that I would have given any Thing for my written Notes; yet GOD gave me to trust in him for Strength and Assistance, and before I had done I was warm in Heart, and strong enough in Body to continue to offer *JESUS CHRIST* freely, for a considerable Time, to all that would lay hold on him by Faith. Many seemed to feel what was spoken, and said hearty and loud *Amens* to my Sentences. The Church was
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greatly thronged, and after I had done, Prayers were put up on all Sides for my safe Journey and Return.—*Surely these are not curious Hearers!*—In coming along I perceived myself more and more strengthened. About Nine at Night, I expounded with great Enlargement at *Dowgate-hill* to a most affected Audience. They sighed and mourned, and wept sorely. Amongst other Things, I exhorted them particularly not to forsake the assembling themselves together, notwithstanding the People of the House had been threatned with a Prosecution.—*But so far as our Opposers are permitted to go, shall they go, but no farther. This be our Comfort, the LORD reigneth!*

W I N D S O R.

Wednesday, Feb. 7. Got hither about Six in the Evening, and was joyfully received by several Christian Friends, who had invited and were waiting for me. About seven I was taken very ill, but God strengthened me to go out, and expound with great Freedom and Power in the School-house to a great Number of People, who, I believe, *felt* what was spoke; for some wept, and many expressed their Thankfulness for the Exposition. *Not unto me, O LORD, not unto me, but unto thy Name be all the Glory.*

B A S I N G S T O K E.

Thursday, Feb. 8. Left *Windsor* about Ten in the Morning, and reached *Basingstoke* at Five in the Evening.—And was agreeably surprized by several who came uninvited to see me.—After a little Conversation, I perceived they were
desirous

desirous to hear the Word of God, and being in a large Dining-room in the Publick House, I gave Notice I would expound to as many as would come. In a short Time I had above a hundred very attentive Hearers, to whom I expounded for above an Hour, for which they were very thankful. *Blessed be GOD for this Opportunity! I hope, I shall learn more and more every Day, that no Place is amiss for preaching the Gosp. l.—*

Friday, Feb. 9. After Breakfast and Prayer with the Family where we lodged, I set out for *Dummer* (a Parish once for a little while under my Care) and met with near a dozen Christian Brethren, with whom we took exceeding sweet Council, prayed, and sung Psalms, and eat our Bread with Gladness and Singleness of Heart. *LORD melt down my frozen Heart with a Sense of thy unmerited Love. Amen, Amen.*

After having wrote several Letters, I returned with my Friends to *Basingstoke*, where I expounded in a large Room for an Hour.—The Place was very much thronged, but some were very noisy, and others threw up Stones at the Windows. *Lord take away their Hearts of Stone, and give them Hearts of Flesh.—*

Saturday, Feb. 10. After Family Prayer, went with some dear Brethren to *Dummer*, where I spent most of the Day in visiting that poor Flock from House to House, who I found had not forgotten their former Love.—About Four in the Afternoon we returned to *Basingstoke*, in order to expound. And near three large Rooms were filled.—We expected ill Treatment ere we returned Home, and some did begin to interrupt me; but GOD so struck and over-aw'd them,

that many said we will never oppose again.—
 After Exposition, many Christian Friends came
 to see me in a most affectionate Manner, and
 about Nine at Night we set out for *Dummer*.
 But how did Jesus comfort us in the Way!
Monstrare nequeo sentio tantum.

Sunday, Feb. 11. Rose full of Love and Joy,
 but afterwards was taken so very ill, that I strug-
 gled like one in his last Agonies.—*Father, thy Will*
be done.

S A L I S B U R Y.

Monday, Feb. 12. Perceived myself greatly
 recovered, and was much refreshed by the com-
 ing of many dear Friends, with whom, after I
 had breakfasted and prayed, I took a most af-
 fectionate Leave; called at *Dummer*, sung a
 Hymn, prayed, and gave a Word of Exhortation
 to some serious Souls that were there, and
 reached *Salisbury* with my Companion in Travel
 Mr. *Seward* about Six in the Evening.—Here I
 wrote several Letters to my *London* and *Basing-*
stoke Friends, and sent for Mr. — in order to
 have a Conference with him concerning his late
 Book, but he happened not to be at Home.—
 Oh that that unhappy Man was turned from
 his erroneous Principles! For I fear, like *Simon*
Magus, he has bewitched many about *Salisbury*
 with his false Doctrines.—*Lord suffer not thy Peo-*
ple to believe a Lye, though they have held the Truth
in Unrighteousness. Raise up, I beseech thee, some
true Pastors amongst them, who may acquaint them
with the Nature and Necessity of the New-Birth,
and point out to them the blessed Spirit, whereby
they may have that Repentance wrought in their
Souls,

Snubs, which the self righteous Mr. — falsely asserts may be wrought in them by a moral Persuasion.

STAPLEASHWIN, WILTS.

Tuesday, Feb. 13. Thought when I rose to abide at *Salisbury* a few Days, but finding it quite inconsistent with my other Business, I left that Place (after publick Worship, and paying a Visit to an old Disciple, Mr. *Wesley's* Mother) and reached *Stapleashwin* about Six at Night. — After having refreshed ourselves, we intended to set forward towards *Bath*; but finding the People, at whose House we put up, were well-inclined, we altered our Resolution. And our Hostess having called in many of her Neighbours, I prayed, conversed, and sung Psalms with them for a considerable Time, wrote some Letters, and went to Bed, not doubting but the Lord would cause me to dwell in Safety. — *Who knows but some good may have been done here this Night? But what have I to do with that? I am only to follow my Lord, who, wheresoever he came, talked of the one Thing needful.*

BATH and BRISTOL.

Wednesday, Feb. 14. After Family-Prayer, and giving a Word of Exhortation, I set out for *Bath*, and was greatly comforted there with some Christian Brethren. — I then waited on Dr. C—y, desiring I might have the Use of the Abbey-Church, to preach for the Orphan-house, the Trustees having obtained Leave of the Bishop before I went to *Georgia*. But he was pleased to

g'ive me an absolute Refusal to preach either on that, or any other Occasion, without a positive Order from the King or Bishop. I asked him his Reasons. He said, *he was not obliged to give me any.* I therefore withdrew, and reach'd Bristol about Seven at Night.— But who can express the Joy with which I was received? *God be merciful to me a Sinner.*—

B R I S T O L.

Thursday, Feb. 15. Sat up till past One in the Morning answering my dear Friends Letters, having no Time otherwise.—Received a Letter from a dear Christian Brother, wherein were these Words, “ I was told that Mr. ———
 “ said to Mr. ———, *I believe the Devil in Hell*
 “ *is in you all. Whitefield has set the Town on*
 “ *Fire, and now he is gone to kindle a Flame in*
 “ *the Country.*”—After having breakfasted and
 ; prayed with some religious Friends, I went with
 Mr. *Seaward* to publick Worship; from thence
 to the Reverend Mr. G——s, Minister of St.
Mary, Ratcliff, who, as I was informed, had
 promised to lend me his Church to preach in for
 the Orphan house. But he, in Effect, gave me
 a Refusal, telling me, *that he could not lend his*
Church without a special Order from the Chancel-
lor.——Upon this, I immediately waited upon
 the Chancellor, to whom I had sent the Night
 before.—But he told me frankly, “ that he would
 “ not give any positive Leave, neither would he
 “ prohibit any one that should lend me a Church :
 “ But he would advise me to withdraw to some
 “ other Place till he had heard from the Bishop,
 “ and not preach on that or any other Occa-
 “ sion.”

“ sion.” I asked him his Reasons. He answered, “ Why will you press so hard upon me ?
 “ The Thing has given a general Dislike.” —
 I replied, “ Not the Design of the Orphan-house.
 “ —Even those that disagree with me in other
 “ Particulars, approve of that.—And as for the
 “ Gospel, when was it preached without Dis-
 “ like ?” Soon after this, I took my Leave,
 and waited upon the Reverend the Dean, who
 received me with great Civility. When I had
 shewn him my *Georgia* Accounts, and answered
 him a Question or two about the Colony, I
 asked him, “ Whether there could be any just
 “ Objection against my preaching in Churches
 “ for the Orphan-house ?” —After a Pause for a
 considerable Time, he answered, “ He could
 “ not tell.” But somebody knocking at the
 Door, he replied, “ Mr. *Whitefield*, I will give
 “ you an Answer some other Time; now I ex-
 “ pect Company.” “ Will you be pleased to
 “ fix any, Sir ?” said I. “ I will send to you,”
 says the Dean. *O Christian Simplicity, whi-
 ther art thou fled !*—About three in the Afternoon,
 with the Jailor’s Consent, I preached a Sermon
 on the *Penitent Thief* to the poor Prisoners in *New-
 gate*, and collected fifteen Shillings for them.—At
 seven I expounded for an Hour with very great
 Freedom to a young Society, which hath been esta-
 blished since I was in *Bristol* last.—*Blessed be God,
 the good Seed, tho’ but as a Grain of Mustard-
 Seed, being watered by the Dew of Heaven, is be-
 ginnin’ to grow into a great Tree. Lord this is
 thy doing, to thee alone be all the Glory !*

Friday, Feb. 16. Begun this Morning to settle
 a daily Exposition, and reading Prayers to the

Prisoners in *Newgate*. I opened it by enlarging on the Conversion of the Jailor.—*May the same good Work be experienced in this Prison before We leave it, Amen and Amen!*—About one this Afternoon I went, and was most delightfully entertained by an old Christian; and having long since felt my Bowels yearn toward the poor Colliers, who are very numerous, and yet are as Sheep having no Shepherd, I went upon a Mount and spake to as many as came to hear; I believe there were upwards of two hundred.—*Blessed be GOD that the Ice is now broke, and I have now taken the Field.*—*Some may censure me.*—*But is there not a Cause? Pulpits are denied, and the poor Colliers ready to perish for lack of Knowledge.*

Sunday, Feb. 18. Arose this Morning about six, being called up by near fifty young Persons, whom I appointed to meet me at my Sister's House, and with whom I spent above an Hour in Prayer, Psalm-singing, and giving a warm Exhortation. Soon after this, I read Prayers, and preached at *Newgate* to a large and very attentive Congregation. At ten I preached at *St. Werburgh's* with great Freedom, and to a large Audience.—*Blessed be GOD*—I thought Yesterday I should not have the Use of any Pulpit; but GOD, who has the Hearts of all Men in his Hands, disposed the Rev. Mr. — to lend me his, who thanked me for my Sermon; and the Rev. Mr. — sent to me, and offered me the Use both of *St. Thomas* and *St. Mary Rattcliff*.—The latter of these I accepted of, and preached to such a Congregation as my Eyes never yet saw, with great Liberty.—Many went away for want of room; and Mr. — and his
Lady

Lady were exceeding civil.—*The LORD reward them for this their Love!*—After Sermon, and taking a little Refreshment, I hasted to a Society in *Baldwin-street*, where many Hundreds were assembled to hear me, so that the Stairs and Court below, besides the Room itself, were crowded.—Here I continued expounding for near two Hours. And then expounded for as long a Time at another Society in *Nicholas-street*, equally thronged, but with much greater Power. Surely, that same Jesus that came to his Disciples, the Doors being shut, when they assembled together, was with us of a Truth: Great Numbers were quite melted down, and GOD so caused me to renew my Strength, that I was better when I returned Home, than when I began to exhort my young Fellow soldiers at six in the Morning. *I could not do this, except Jesus Christ did strengthen me. By his free Grace alone, I am what I am. Not unto me, but unto thy Name, O Lord, alone be all the Glory.*

Monday, Feb. 19. Read Prayers and expounded as usual at *Newgate*, and preached in the Afternoon to a great Multitude at the Parish-Church of *St. Philip and Jacob*, and collected Eighteen Pounds for the Orphan-house.—But Thousands, as I was inform'd, went away.—About six in the Evening I went to a new Society greatly thronged, and was enabled, notwithstanding I had exerted myself at *St. Philip's*, to expound with great Freedom of Spirit for above an Hour.—Thence I went and expounded for near the Space of two Hours to another Society in *Baldwin-street*, and much of the Divine Presence was amongst us. This done I returned Home full of Joy, which was kept up by con-

versing, singing, and praying with many Christian Brethren.—We parted, rejoicing in that God who causes his People to go on from conquering, and to conquer.

Tuesday, Feb. 20. This Day my Master honoured me more than ever he did yet.—About Ten in the Morning, in Compliance with a Summons received from the *Apparator* Yesterday, I waited upon the Rev. Mr. R———, the Chancellor of *Bristol*, who now plainly told me, he intended to stop my Proceedings.—“ I have sent for the Register here, Sir, says he, to take down your Answer.” Upon which he asked me by what Authority I preached in the Diocese of *Bristol*, without a Licence? I answered, I thought that Custom was grown obsolete. And why, pray Sir, replied I, did not you ask the Clergyman this Question, who preached for you last *Thursday*? He said that was nothing to me.—He then read over Part of the Ordination-Office, and those Canons that forbid any Minister preaching in a private House, &c.—And he asked me what I said to them? I answered, that I apprehended those Canons did not belong to professed Ministers of the Church of *England*.—But he said they did.—There is also a Canon, said I, Sir, forbidding all Clergymen to frequent Taverns and play at Cards; why is not that put in Execution? Why does not somebody complain of them, says he, and then it would.—When I asked him why I was thus taken particular Notice of, (referring to my printed Discourses for my Principles;) He said, I preached false Doctrine. Upon which I told him, notwithstanding those Canons, I could not but speak the Things that I knew, and was re-

solved to proceed as usual.—“ Observe his Answer then, said he, Mr. Register”—And turning to me, added, “ I am resolved, Sir, if you preach or expound any where in this Diocese, till you have a Licence, I will first suspend, and then excommunicate you.”—I then took my Leave—He waited upon me very civilly to the Door, and told me, “ What he did was in the Name of the Clergy and Laity of the City of *Bristol* ;”—And so we parted.—Immediately after my Return Home I went and expounded at *Newgate* as usual ; where God gave such Tokens of his Love and Presence, as by a dumb but persuasive Language did, as it were, say, *This is the Way, walk in it.*—At four there was a general Expectation of my preaching at *St. Nicholas* ; thousands went to hear.—But the Lecturer sent Word, that Orders were given by Mr. B——r, that I should not preach in his Church.—At five I went and expounded on the first of *St. James*, to a Christian Assembly indeed, who were much affected—And afterwards I halted to *Nicholas-street*, where was great Crowd waiting upon the Stairs, Yard, and Entry of the House, as well as in the Room itself.—I expounded the ninth of *St. John*, exhorted all to imitate the poor Beggar, and not to fear the Face of Men.—God was pleased to fill us with Joy unspeakable.—*Thus it was formerly, so it will be now. When we are cast out, Christ will more clearly reveal himself to us.*

Wednesday, Feb. 21. Had several come to me this Morning, to enquire about the State of their Souls, amongst whom was a little Girl of thirteen Years of Age, who told me in great Simplicity, “ She was pricked through and through
“ with

“ with the Power of the Word.” And indeed a good Work, I believe, has been wrought in her Heart. *Out of the Mouths of Babes and Sucklings hast thou perfected Praise.*— Preached at *Newgate* with uncommon Freedom, and observed the Audience to be quite melted down. After this I made a Coliection for the poor Prisoners, and at my Return Home was much comforted by another gracious Soul, whom God brought unto me, and who was willing to follow me not only to *Georgia*, but also to Prison and to Death*. — All the Church Doors being now shut, and if open not able to contain half that came to hear, at three in the Afternoon I went to *Kingswood* amongst the Colliers. God highly favoured us in sending us a fine Day, and near two thousand People were assembled on that Occasion. I preached and enlarged on *John* ch. iii. ver. 3. for near an Hour, and I hope, to the Comfort and Edification of those that heard me. *GOD grant the Seed may not fall on stony or thorny, but on good Ground!*—About six in the Evening, I expounded to a Society without *Lawford's Gate*, and afterwards to another in *Baldwin-street*; both were exceedingly crowded and attentive: At first I could not speak so strongly, because I had exerted myself so much upon the Mount; but afterwards God gave me a fresh Supply of Strength, and I was enabled to go through my Work cheerfully. *Lo! I am with you always, even unto the End of the World.*

* He afterwards went with me to *Georgia*, and lived and died there in the Triumphs of Faith.

B A T H.

Thursday, February 22. Observing Providence called me, this Morning I went, with some Christian Friends, to *Bath*; where I was much comforted by meeting with several that love our LORD JESUS in Sincerity.—More especially, I was edified by the pious Conversation of the reverend Mr. *Griffith Jones*, whom I have desired to see of a long Season. His Words came with Power, and the Account he gave me of the many Obstructions he had met with in his Ministry, convinced me that I was but a young Soldier, just entering the Field.—*Good GOD, prepare me manfully to fight whatsoever Battles thou hast appointed for me. I can do all Things thro' thee strengthening me.*

B R I S T O L.

Friday, Feb. 23. Returned hither about ten this Morning. About eleven, went, as usual, and preached at *Newgate*, and collected two Pounds five Shillings for the Prisoners. *Many, I believe, were much affected. To GOD be all the Glory.*—After Dinner, I was taken very ill, so that I was obliged to lie upon the Bed; but, at three I went, according to Appointment, and preached to near four or five thousand People, from a Mount in *Kingstwood*, with great Freedom. The Sun shone very bright, and the People standing in such an awful Manner round the Mount, in the profoundest Silence, filled me with an holy Admiration. *Blessed be GOD for such a plentiful Harvest.*—*LORD, do thou send forth*

forth more Labourers into thy Harvest.—This done, GOD strengthened me to expound to a Society without *Lawford's Gate*, then to another in the City, and afterwards to a third. And I spoke with more Freedom the last Time than at the first. *When we are weak, then are we strong.*

Saturday, Feb. 24. About ten this Morning I waited on the Chancellor, and shewed him a Letter I had received from the Lord Bishop of *Bristol*. After usual Salutations I asked the Chancellor why he did not write to the Bishop according to his Promise? I think, he answered, he was to blame. I then insisted on his proving I had preached false Doctrine, and reminded him of his threatening to excommunicate me in the Name of the Clergy and Laity of the City of *Bristol*. But he would have me think that he had said no such Thing; and confessed, that to this Day he had neither heard me preach, nor read any of my Writings.—After I left the Chancellor, I went and preached at *Newgate*; and at three in the Afternoon, went to the Poor-house without *Lawford's Gate*; but the Room and Yard being full, I stood upon the Steps going up to the House, and preached to them from thence. Many that were passing along the Road on Horseback, stood still to hear me; and, I hope, many were bettered by what was spoken.—This Evening I declined going to any Society, that I might have a little Time to write Letters; amongst which, I wrote the following one to the Bishop of *Bristol*.

“ *My Lord, Bristol, Feb. 14. 1739.*

“ I humbly thank your Lordship for the Favour of your Lordship's Letter. It gave abundant

“ bundant Satisfaction to me, and many others,
 “ who have not failed to pray in a particular
 “ Manner for your Lordship’s Temporal and
 “ Eternal Welfare.—To-day I shewed your
 “ Lordship’s Letter to the Chancellor, who
 “ (notwithstanding he promised not to prohibit
 “ my preaching for the Orphan-house, if your
 “ Lordship was only neuter in the Affair) has
 “ influenced most of the Clergy to deny me their
 “ Pulpits, either on that or any other Occasion.
 “ Last Week he was pleased to charge me with
 “ false Doctrine. To day he has forgot that he
 “ said so.—He also threatned so excommunicate
 “ me for preaching in your Lordship’s Diocese.
 “ I offered to take a Licence, but was denied.—
 “ If your Lordship should ask, What Evil I
 “ have done? I answer, None, save that I visit
 “ the Religious Societies, preach to the Pri-
 “ soners in *Newgate*, and to the poor Colliers
 “ in *Kingswood*, who, they tell me, are little
 “ better than Heathens.—I am charged with
 “ being a Dissenter; though many are brought
 “ to the Church by my preaching, not one
 “ taken from it.—Indeed the Chancellor is
 “ pleased to tell me my Conduct is contrary to
 “ Canons; but I told him those Canons which
 “ he produced were not intended against such
 “ Meetings as mine are, where his Majesty is
 “ constantly prayed for, and every one is free
 “ to see what is done. I am sorry to give your
 “ Lordship this Trouble; but I thought proper
 “ to mention these Particulars, that I might
 “ know of your Lordship wherein my Conduct
 “ is exceptionable. I heartily thank your Lord-
 “ ship for your intended Benefaction—I think
 “ the Design is truly good, and will meet with
 “ Success,

“ Success, because so much opposed. GOD
 “ knows my Heart, I desire only to promote his
 “ Glory. If I am spoken evil of for his Sake,
 “ I rejoice in it. My Master was long since
 “ spoken evil of before me.—But I intrude on
 “ your Lordship's Patience.—I am, with all
 “ possible Thanks,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's dutiful Son and Servant,

G. W.

Sunday, Feb. 26. What Mercies has my good GOD shewn me this Day! When I arose in the Morning, I thought I should be able to do nothing; but the divine Strength was greatly magnified in my Weakness.—About six in the Morning I prayed, sung with, and exhorted my Morning Visitors, as I did last Lord's Day.—At eight I read Prayers, and preached to a very thronged Congregation at *Newgate*, and from thence I rode to *Busleton*, a Village about two Miles from *Bristol*, where was such a numerous Congregation, that after I had read Prayers in the Church, I thought it best to go and preach in the Churchyard.—The People were exceedingly attentive, and afterwards, by the Leave of the Minister, who invited me thither, we had a Sacrament; and, I hope, it was a Communion of Saints indeed.—At four I halted to *Kingswood*.—At a moderate Computation, there were above ten thousand People. The Trees and Hedges were full. All was hush when I began; the Sun shone bright, and GOD enabled me to preach for an Hour with great Power, and

so loud, that all (I was told) could hear me. Blessed be God, Mr. — spoke right. *The Fire is kindled in the Country; May the Gates of Hell never be able to prevail against it!* Finding myself strengthened from above, I went and expounded at *Baldwin-street Society*—Afterwards I went to another; and about nine at Night came home, rejoicing to find how all Things turn out for the Furtherance of the Gospel.

Monday, February 26. This Morning I wrote these few Lines to the Chancellor.

“ *Reverend Sir,*

“ The inclosed is a Letter I sent on *Saturday*
 “ to the Bishop of *Bristol*; be pleased to pe-
 “ ruse it, and see if any Thing contrary to
 “ Truth is there related by,

Reverend Sir,

Your very humble-Servant,

Bristol, Feb. 26. 1738.

G. W.

Preached at *Newgate*, and was refreshed by the Conversation of some whom God had wrought upon by my Ministry.

Wednesday, Feb. 28. Preached at *Newgate*, and expounded to the Societies, To-day and Yesterday and the Day before as usual; and intended to go and preach upon the Mount in *Kingswood*; but was dissuaded from it, by a Report that the Waters were out. However, many, as I was told afterwards, came from far to hear me; so that it repented me that I did not go. *When People are willing to hear, it is a Pity that any Minister should be slow to preach,*
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Thursday, March 1. Amongst my other Letters by this Day's Post, I received the following one from Mr. *John Wesley*.

“ *My Dear Brother,* *Feb. 20.*

“ Our Lord's Hand is not shortned amongst
 “ us. Yesterday I preached at *St. Katherine's*,
 “ and at *Islington*, where the Church was al-
 “ most as hot as some of the Society Rooms
 “ used to be. I think I never was so much
 “ strengthened before. The Fields, after Ser-
 “ vice, were white with People praising God.
 “ About three hundred were present at Mr.
 “ *S—s*; thence I went to Mr. *B—s*, then to
 “ *Fetter-lane*, and at nine to Mr. *B—s*; where
 “ also we only wanted Room. — To-day I
 “ expound in the *Minories* at four, at Mrs.
 “ *W—s* at six, and to a large Company of Poor
 “ Sinners in *Gravel-lane (Bishopsgate)* at eight.
 “ The Society at Mr. *C—s* does not meet
 “ till eight; so that I expound before I go to
 “ him near *St. James's Square*. On *Wednesday*
 “ at six, we have a noble Company of Women,
 “ not adorned with Gold or costly Apparel,
 “ but with a meek and quiet Spirit, and good
 “ Works. — At the *Savoy*, on *Thursday Even-*
 “ *ing*, we have usually two or three hundred,
 “ most of them, at least, throughly awakened.
 “ Mr. *A—s* Parlour is more than filled on
 “ *Friday*, as is Mr. *P—s* Room twice over;
 “ where, I think, I have commonly had more
 “ Power given me than at any other Place. On
 “ *Saturday* se'enight, a middle aged, well dressed
 “ Woman at *Beech-lane* (where I expound usu-
 “ ally to five or six hundred before I go to Mr.
 “ *R—s*

“ E—’s Society) was seized, as it appeared to
 “ several about her, with little less than the
 “ Agonies of Death. We prayed that God,
 “ who had brought her to the Birth, would give
 “ her Strength to bring forth, and *that he would*
 “ *work speedily, that all might see it, and fear,*
 “ *and put their Trust in the Lord.* Five Days
 “ she travailed and groaned, being in Bondage.
 “ On *Thursday* Evening our Lord got himself
 “ the Victory; and, from that Moment, she
 “ has been full of Love and Joy, which she
 “ openly declared at the same on *Saturday* last;
 “ so that Thanksgivings also were given to God
 “ by many on her Account. It is to be ob-
 “ served, her Friends have accounted her mad,
 “ for these three Years; and accordingly bled,
 “ blistered her, and what not. *Come and let us*
 “ *praise the Lord, and magnify his Name together.*”

—The following Paragraph was likewise in a
 Letter I received from *Oxon*. “ God has greatly
 “ blessed us at *Oxford* of late. We have Rea-
 “ son to think, that four, within this Fortnight,
 “ have been born of God. The People crowd to
 “ the Societies on *Sunday* Nights, several Gownf-
 “ men among the rest. God has much as-
 “ sisted me. Last Night we had a thronged So-
 “ ciety, and about forty Gownsmen.” — *Blessed*
be God, I hope the Kingdom of Jesus Christ will
now come with Power, and that a Remnant of de-
spised Methodists, (as the World terms them) will
still be left, which shall take Root downwards, and
bear Fruit upwards, and fill the Land. — The
 Weather being fair, after I had preached, and
 collected for the Prisoners at *New-gate*, I went
 on the Mount at *Kinswood*; where, about fifteen
 hundred

hundred Colliers and Country People were gathered together, and were very attentive. Some of the Colliers, I find, have been much affected. *Blessed be GOD.*

B R I S T O L.

Sunday, March 4. Rose much refreshed in Spirit, and gave my early Attendants a warm Exhortation as usual. Went to *Newgate*, and preached with great Power to an exceedingly thronged Congregation. Then hastened to *Hannam Mount*, three Miles from the City, where the Colliers live altogether. Above four thousand stood ready to hear: The Ground not being high enough, I stood upon a Table, and the Sight of the People covering the green Fields, and their deep Attention pleased at the same time as it aw'd me much. In the Afternoon, I went to the Mount, my first Field Pulpit on *Rose-green*, and preached to above fourteen thousand Souls; and all as I was inform'd could hear. *I thought it was worth while to come many Miles to see such a Sight.*—In the Evening I expounded at *Baldwin-street* Society; but could not get up to the Room without the utmost Difficulty, because the Entry and Court were so much thronged. After Exercise I returned home, much more refreshed in my Spirits than in the Morning when I went out. *What a good Master is JESUS of Nazareth!*

Monday, March 5. Had many, whom God has touched under the Word, come to me, enquiring about the *New Birth*: and being invited thither by many Colliers, at three in the Afternoon

noon I went to a Place called the *Pish-ponds*, on another Side of *Kingswood*, were about two thousand were gathered together. Having no better Place to stand upon, the Wall was my Pulpit, and, I think, I never spoke with greater Power. — *My preaching in the Fields I know displeaseth some, but I am thoroughly persuaded it pleases GOD; and why should I mind any Thing else!*

C A R D I F F.

Wednesday, March 7. Yesterday, and about Midnight, the Wind being fair, we had a speedy Passage over to the *Welsh Shore*. Our Business requiring haste, we rode all Night, stopped at *Newport* to refresh ourselves, where we met with two Friends, and reached *Cardiff* about eleven in the Morning. Whilst I was giving a Word of Exhortation to some poor People at the Inn, Mr. *Seward* went to ask for the Pulpit; but being denied, we pitched on the Town-Hall, which Mr. *Seward* got by his Interest; and at four in the Afternoon, I preached from the Judge's Seat to about four hundred Hearers. Most were very attentive; but some mocked: After I came from the Seat, I was much refreshed with the Sight of Mr. *Howel Harris*; whom, tho' I knew not in Person, I have long since loved in the Bowels of *Jesus Christ*, and have often felt my Soul drawn out in Prayer in his Behalf. “ A burning
 “ and shining Light has he been in those Parts;
 “ a Barrier against Profaneness and Immora-
 “ lity, and an indefatigable Promoter of the
 “ true Gospel of *Jesus Christ*. About three or
 “ four Years GOD has inclined him to go about
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“ doing Good. He is now above twenty-five
 “ Years of Age. Twice he has applied (be-
 “ ing every Way qualified) for holy Orders ;
 “ but was refused. About a Month ago he of-
 “ fered himself again, but was put off. Upon
 “ this, he was, and is still resolved to go on in
 “ his Work ; and indefatigable Zeal has he
 “ shewn in his Master’s Service. For these
 “ three Years (as he told me with his own
 “ Mouth) he has discoursed almost twice every
 “ Day for three or four Hours together ; he has
 “ been, I think, in seven Counties, and has
 “ made it his Business to go to Wakes, &c. to
 “ turn People from such lying Vanities. Many
 “ Alehouse People, Fiddlers, Harpers, &c. (*De-*
 “ *metrius* like) sadly cry out against him for
 “ spoiling their Business. He has been made
 “ the Subject of Numbers of Sermons, has been
 “ threatned with publick Prosecutions, and had
 “ Constables sent to apprehend him. But GOD
 “ has blessed him with inflexible Courage ; and
 “ he still continues to go on from conquering to
 “ conquer. Many call, and own him as their
 “ spiritual Father : He discourses generally in a
 “ Field ; but at other Times in a House, from
 “ a Wall, a Table, or any Thing else. He
 “ has established near thirty Societies in *South-*
 “ *Wales*, and still his Sphere of Action is en-
 “ larged daily.” When I first saw him, my
 Heart was knit closely to him. I wanted to
 catch some of his Fire, and gave him the Right-
 hand of Fellowship with my whole Heart. *GOD*
loves to do great Things by weak Instruments, that
the Power may be of GOD, and not of Man.

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Thursday, March 8. Was much refreshed by last Night's Rest, and spent the Beginning of the Morning in Prayer and private Discourse with the Members of the Religious Society. — About ten, according to Appointment, I went to the Town-hall, and preached for about an Hour and a half to a large Assembly of People. I did not observe any Scoffers within; but without some were pleased to trail a dead Fox, and hunt it about the Hall. — But, blessed be God, my Voice prevailed. — In the Afternoon, about four of the Clock, I preached again in the same Place without any Scoffing or Disturbance. And at six in the Evening, I talked for above an Hour and a half, and prayed with the religious Society, whose Room was quite thronged: And never did I see a Congregation more melted down. Most of them were dissolved into Tears, and seemed to have their Hearts perfectly knit towards me. — *Thanks be to GOD for such an Entrance into Wales!*

NEWPORT in WALES.

Friday, March 9. Left Cardiff about six in the Morning, and reached Newport about ten, where many came from Pontypool, and other Parts, on Purpose to hear. The Minister being asked, and readily granting us the Pulpit, I preached with great Power to about a thousand Souls. I think Wales is excellently well prepared for the Gospel of Christ. They have I hear many burning and shining Lights both among the Dissenting and Church Ministers: amongst whom Mr. Griffith Jones shines in particular. No less than fifty Charity Schools have been
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erected by his Means, without any settled visible Fund, and fresh ones are setting up every Day. People I hear make nothing of coming twenty Miles to hear a Sermon, and great Numbers there are, as I am inform'd, who have not only been Hearers, but Doers also of the Word; so that there is a most comfortable Prospect of the spreading of the Gospel in *Wales*. — *Even so LORD JESUS, Amen!*

B R I S T O L.

Saturday, March 10. Got safe to *Bristol* about eleven at Night: Preached in the Morning at *Newgate*, and in the Afternoon on the Poor-house Steps. *The Hearers were much affected, and melted into Tears.*

Sunday, March 11. Had a whole Room full of People come to hear me at six in the Morning, with whom I prayed and sung Psalms for near an Hour. Then I read Prayers, and preached at *Newgate*. Afterwards went to *Hannam Mount*, where was near a third Part as many again as last *Sunday*; and at four in the Afternoon, preached, as usual, on the Mount at *Rose-Green*. *Do thou Holy JESUS who did'st once preach from a Mount by thy blessed Spirit speak to all our Hearts!*

B A T H.

Monday, March 12. Went, in Company with several Friends, to *Bath*, and finding many were desirous to hear, after having given a short Notice, about five in the Evening I preached out on the *Town-Common*, to a much larger Audi-
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ence than could reasonably be expected.—It snowed good Part of the Time; but the People staid very contentedly. Indeed some said (as I heard afterwards) that I spoke Blatphemy; but the People of God were much rejoyced; and we know who hath said, *the Natural Man receiveth not the Things of the Spirit of GOD.*

Wednesday, March 14. Being return'd to *Bristol*, and forbidden by the *M—* to preach any more at *Newgate*: I preached this Afternoon at *Baptists Mills*, a Place very near the City, to three or four thousand People, from these Words, “*What think you of Christ.*”—*Oh that we may think, and speak of him, highly as we ought to think!*

Friday, March 16. Being much intreated by the People, and Horses being sent for me, I went and preached at *Elberton*, a Village about nine Miles off *Bristol*. The Clergyman denied me the Pulpit; so I preached on a little Ascent on which the May-pole was fixed. After Dinner, I halted to *Thornbury*, whither I was invited also, and preached with uncommon Power to a great Part of my Morning Congregation, and many Hundreds besides. The Incumbent lent me the Church, and used me with great Civility, as did two other Clergymen who were there present. The People were very desirous to have me stay; but I had promised to lie at *Winternburn*, at a Quaker's House, where three more of their Friends met us, and with whom we had agreeable Conversation. But I cannot say their Arguments for omitting the outward Signs of Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, and for having no outward Call to the Ministry, were at all convincing: However, they wished me Success,

and we parted from each other very lovingly—
Oh how amiable is a Catholick Spirit!

B R I S T O L.

Saturday, March 17. Returned to *Bristol* about eight in the Morning, and had the Pleasure of hearing that Mr. Mayor, &c. had engaged a Clergyman to preach to the poor Prisoners at *Newgate*, rather than to agree to a Petition they had presented to have me. “*Some preach Christ out of Contention, and others of good Will: However, Christ is preached;*” and I would send only those who oppose themselves to *School to Gamaliel*. “*If this Work be not of God, says he, it will come to naught; but if it be, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found to fight against God.*”

Sunday, March 18. Observ'd my early Morning Audience so much increased, that above an hundred were obliged to stand without in the Street.—Was afterwards taken ill for about two Hours; but, notwithstanding, had strength to go and preach at *Hannum* to many more than were there last Sunday. And in the Afternoon, perhaps not less than twenty thousand were present at *Rose-Green*. To behold such Crowds standing together in such an awful Silence, and to hear the Eccho of their singing run from one End of them to the other, was very solemn and striking—*How infinitely more solemn and striking will the general Assembly of the Spirits of just Men made perfect be, when they join in Singing the Song of Moses, and the Lamb in Heaven!*

BATH.

Monday, March 19. After having refreshed myself and Friends, by reading a Packet of Letters from London, and dispatched some other Business, according to Appointment, I set out for Bath, and got thither about three in the Afternoon. Dinner being ended, through great Weakness and Sickness of Body, I was obliged to ly down upon the Bed; but the Hour being come for my preaching, I went, weak and languid as I was, depending on the divine Strength, and, I think, scarce ever preached with greater Power. There were about 4 or 5000 of High and Low, Rich and Poor, to hear. As I went along, I observed many scoff; and when I got upon the Table to preach, many laughed; but before I had finished Prayer, all was hush'd and silent; and ere I had concluded my Discourse, God, by his Word, seemed to impress a great Awe upon their Minds: *Men may say what they please; but there is something in this Foolishness of Preaching which when attended with a divine Energy will make the most stubborn Heart to bend or break.*

*“ Is not my Word like Fire, saith the Lord, and like
“ a Hammer that breaketh the Rock in Pieces ? ”*

Tuesday, March 20. Had the Pleasure of hearing of many Souls, impressed by the Word, especially upon two little ones, who were observed to come home crying, and to retire to Prayers.—At eleven o'Clock I read Prayers at the Hospital, and was greatly comforted by the second Lesson, which was the 7th of St. John. After Dinner I was taken ill again; but notwithstanding, God strengthened me to preach to

about as large a Congregation as Yesterday, and all were very silent.—*Lord this is thy doing.*—

Wednesday, March 21. Breakfasted this Morning with one Mr. M—, (who kindly invited me and my Friends;) and afterwards went to a private House, where many were assembled to hear the Word.—But Oh! how did the poor Souls weep! They almost constrain me to cry out: *What mean you to break my Heart?—Every Time I look upon the Bath, I think on the Pool of Bethesda. O blessed Jesu, look down with Compassion on it; and as thou hast cured many impotent Persons by these healing Waters, heal, I beseech thee, the Diseases of their sin-sick Souls by the Power of thy all-quickenning strengthening Grace!*—

K E I N S H A M.

Dined with one Mr. M—, an eminent Quaker, who entertained me and my Friends in a most hearty Manner.—About three we left Bath, and tho' it was a wet Day, were met at *Keinsham* by great Numbers of Horsemen, &c. from *Bristol*, besides several Thousands from the neighbouring Villages, who flock to hear: The Church being refused, I preached on a Mount.—Our Master being with us, I preached with Power.—We then rode our Way rejoicing, reached *Bristol* about seven at Night, and then I went immediately and expounded the 7th of St. John to *Baldwin-street* Society.—*Oh that we may all be Members of the Society of truly Regenerate Souls, in the Kingdom of Heaven!*

Thursday, March 22. Received unspeakable Pleasure from a Letter by this Day's Post, which brought me Word of the flourishing of the Gospel

at Oxford.—Had many gracious Souls came to me to consult me in spiritual Cases, and could not but rejoice to see how powerfully the inward Kingdom of *Jesus Christ* was carrying on, in spite of all Opposition.—In the Afternoon I preached at *Baptist Mills*, where somebody was so kind as to put some Turf together for me to stand upon. I had a great Freedom of Speech, and insisted much on original Sin, having heard of many who, 'tis to be fear'd, have imbibed the *Arcan* and *So inian* Principles.—*But woe be to them that deny that they are born in Sin. Sure'y, they must be past feeling! Woe be to them that deny the Divinity of the Lord that taught them: For it saps the very Foundation of the Christian Religion. And as for my own Part, did I not firmly believe that Jesus Christ was truly and properly God, I never would preach the Gospel again.—Lord Jesus do thou convince and convert all that are otherwise minded.*

Friday, March 23. Dined with many Quakers at *Frenchbay*, who entertained me and my Friends with much Love: *Much Sincerity and Simplicity seems to be amongst them.—But I think, at the same Time, they insist so much upon the inward Life; they place too much Religion in their not using Externals. God keep us from Extreams.—*After Dinner, I went and preached at the *Fish-pond* as usual, where were many Coaches, and about as great a Number of People as before. God gave me great Freedom and Power. I was longer than common both in my Prayers and Sermon.—Many, I believe, were affected.—After I came home, I visited two Societies, where God was pleased to give us great Tokens of his Presence; and the Way up to the last Room was so exceedingly

ceedingly thronged that I was obliged to go up by a Ladder through the Window.

Saturday, March 24. Received good News from my religious Correspondents. — Spent the Morning in answering their kind Letters, and preached in the Afternoon at the Poor-house, where both the Number of the People, and my Strength were greatly increased. — After Sermon, I collected for the Orphan-house, and the poor People so loaded my Hat with their Mites, that I wanted Help to collect. — The Chearfulness with which they gave is inexpressible; and the many Prayers they joined with their Alms, I hope, will lay a good Foundation for the House intended to be built. — After this, I convers'd with some more of God's dear Children, and spent the Remainder of the Evening in expounding to a Society, where almost all were drowned in Tears, when I mentioned my Departure to them. — *The good Lord send somebody amongst them to water what his own Right-hand hath planted. Even so, come LORD JESUS, come quickly.*

Sunday, March 25. God will work, and who shall hinder? I am shut out of the Prison, and my Sister's Room was not large enough to contain a fourth Part of the People who came to me on Sunday Morning. — But God put it into the Hearts of some Gentlemen to lend me a large Bowling-green, where I preached to about five thousand People. — Preached at *Hannam* to a larger Congregation than ever; and preached again in the Afternoon to upwards (as was computed) of 20000 People. I was afterwards told, that those who stood farthest off could hear very plainly.

ly. *Oh may God speak to them by his Spirit, at the same Time that he enables me to lift up my Voice like a Trumpet!*—About eight I went to the Society in *Nicholas-street*; and with great Difficulty got up into the Room, which was extremely hot. God enabled me to speak with much Freedom and Power; and at the Close of my Exhortation, I recommended a Charity-school, which was opened by this Society To day. I collected at the Door myself, and few passed by without throwing in their Mites.—*Blessed be GOD for this! The Lord make us humbly thankful!*

Monday, March 26. Still God is pleased to give us fresh Tokens of his Love. Letters are sent, and People come continually, telling what God hath done for their Souls.—At Four in the Afternoon, I preached again at the *Bowling-Green*, to, I believe, seven or eight thousand People. The Sun shone bright, and the Windows and Balconies of the adjoining Houses were filled with Hearers. I was uncommonly enlarged in Prayer, and so much carried out, when I came to talk of the Love and free Grace of *Jesus Christ*, that the Concern the People were in cannot well be described.—At eight I hastened to *Weaver's Hall*, in *Temple-street*, which was procured, because the Society Rooms were too little.—After I had done, I went to a Christian Friend's House, where many waited for me, and, at my Return home, my Master paid me unmerited Wages.

*Surely, O LORD thy Grace is free,
For, O my GOD it finds out me.*

Tuesday, March 27. At Four this Afternoon, being invited several Times, I preached in a Yard belonging to the Glass Houses, where many dwell, who (as I was informed) neither feared God, nor regarded Man. The Congregation consisted of many thousands, and GOD enabled me to lay before them his Threatnings and Promises; so that none might either despair or presume. *Ob that I may be taught of God rightly to divide the Word of Truth!*——Whilst I was preaching, I heard many People behind me, hollowing, and making a Noise, and supposed they were set on by some body to disturb me.—I bless GOD I was not in the least moved, but rather increased the more in Strength; but when I had done, and enquired the Cause of that Noise, I was informed, that a Gentleman (being drunk) had taken the Liberty to call me *Dog*, and say, “That I ought to be whipped at the Cart’s Tail, and offered Money to any that would pelt me.” Instead of that, the Boys and People near began to cast Stones and Dirt at him.—I knew nothing of it till afterwards, when, in strong Terms, I expressed my Dislike of their Behaviour, but could not help observing at the same Time *what sorry Wages the Devil gives his Servants.*—

Wednesday, March 28. Preached this Afternoon at *Publow*, a Village about five Miles from *Bristol*, to several thousands of People.—The Church was offered, but being not sufficient to contain a third Part of the Audience, by the Advice of Friends, I went and preached in the *Fields*—Doth not the Friend of all say the same? *Go out into the Highways and Hedges, and compel them to come in. Speak, Lord Jesus and it shall be done.*

Thursday, March 29. Blessed be God, I hope a good Work is begun To-day.—Having had several Notices that the Colliers of *Kingswood* were willing to subscribe, I went to Dinner with some of them near a Place called *Two Mile Hill*, and collected above twenty Pounds in Money, and got above forty Pounds in Subscriptions toward building them a Charity-School. It was surprising to see with what Chearfulness they parted with their Money on this Occasion.—After Dinner I preached a farewell Sermon, and recommended the Charity-School to their Consideration; and all seemed willing to assist, either by their Money or their Labour, and to offer such Things as they had.—As soon as I came to Town, I took my Leave of a Society in *Castle-street*;—After this I did the same at a Society in *Nicholas-street*—At both, for near an Hour, they wept aloud and sorely all over the Room. *Oh these Partings!*

Friday, March 30. Preached this Afternoon near *Colepit-Heath*, seven Miles from *Bristol*, a Place to which I was earnestly invited, and where great Numbers of Colliers live.—The Weather was exceeding fair, the Hearers behaved very well, and the Place where I preached being near the *Maypole*, I took Occasion to warn them of mispending their Time in revelling and dancing. *Oh! that all such Entertainments were put a stop to!*—About Seven I returned to *Bristol*, and took Leave of the Society without *Lawford's Gate*; but there were so many People, that I was obliged to stand and expound at the Window, that those in the Yard (which was full) might hear also. *Their Hearts were ready to burst with Grief—Dearest Redeemer do thou come and comfort them and me!*

Saturday, March 31. Went this Morning, and visited the poor Man who was misused at the Glass Houses. He seemed much concerned for what he had done, and confessed he knew not what he did: Upon which, I took Occasion to dissuade him from the Sin of Drunkenness, and parted from him very friendly.—At Eleven, I went and gave the Prisoners a farewell private Exhortation, and left Orders concerning the Distribution of the Money that had been collected for them.—At Four I preached, as usual, at the Poor-house, where was a greater Congregation than ever; and, at my Return home, I was much refreshed with the Sight of my honoured Friend, Mr. *John Wesley*, whom I had desired to come hither, and whom I had now the Pleasure of introducing to my Friends; he having never before been at *Bristol*.—*Help him, LORD JESUS to water what thy own Right-hand hath planted, for thy Mercy's Sake.*

Saturday, April 1. Preached at the *Bowling-Green, Hannam, and Rose-Green*; at all which Places the Congregations were much enlarged, especially at the latter. There were twenty-four Coaches, and an exceeding great Number of other People, both on Foot and Horseback. The Wind was not so well set to carry the Voice as usual; but however, I was strengthened to cry aloud and take my last Farewel.—As I was returning Home, many blessed and prayed for me, and wished me a good Voyage in the Name of the Lord.—At Seven, I went and took my Leave of *Baldwin-street Society*; but the Yard, and Entry leading to it, was so crowded, that I was obliged to climb up by a Ladder, and go over
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the Tiling of another House near adjoining, before I could get to the Door.

Monday, April 2. Spent a good Part of the Morning in talking with those who came to take their Leave; Floods of Tears flowed plentifully on all Sides.—About one, I was obliged to force myself away.—Crowds were waiting at the Door to give me a last Farewel, and near twenty Friends accompanied me on Horseback. *Blessed be GOD for the marvellous great Kindness he hath shewn me in this City.* Many Sinners, I believe, have been effectually converted. Numbers of God's Children greatly comforted.—Several thousands of little Books have been dispersed among the People; about two hundred Pounds collected for the Orphan-house, and many poor Families relieved by the Bounty of my Friend Mr. Seward. *Shall not these Things be noted in my Book? God forbid they should not be written on the Tables of my Heart. Even so, LORD JESUS.*

K I N G S W O O D.

Having taken a most sorrowful Leave, and passed through the People of *Bristol*, who poured out many Blessings upon me, I came, about two, to *Kingswood*, where the Colliers, unknown to me, had prepared an hospitable Entertainment, and were very forward for me to lay the first Stone of their School. At length I complied, and a Man giving me a Piece of Ground, in case Mr. C— should refuse to grant them any; I laid a Stone, and then kneeled down, and prayed God that the Gates of Hell might not prevail against our Design. The Colliers said

a hearty *Amen*; and after I had given them a Word of Exhortation suitable to the Occasion, I took my Leave, promising that I would come amongst them again, if ever God should bring me back from *Georgia* to *England*. *Fiat! Fiat!*

T H O R N B U R Y.

About five, I and my Friends got safe to *Thornbury*; where I had appointed to preach as on this Day. The Minister being offended at my Doctrine, when there last, would not lend me the Pulpit again.—However, there being above a thousand People waiting to hear the Word, I stood upon a Table, and preached in the Street. All was solemn and awful around us; every one behaved with Gravity; and God gave me Freedom of Speech.—The Remainder of the Evening was spent delightfully in singing Psalms and Hymns with my dear Companions; and had not the parting with my *Bristol* Friends cast a Damp upon my Heart, no one could well have laid down his Head to sleep with greater Joy. *Who would but work for Jesus of Nazareth?*

O L D - P A S S A G E . C H E A P S T O W .

Tuesday, April 3. Came to the *Old Passage* by Nine in the Morning; and, according to Appointment, preached from some Steps to many People who came to hear—Then I exhorted, and sung with as many as the Room would contain in the Inn; and having providentially lost our Passage, about Three in the Afternoon I preached a second Time from the Steps,
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at which many were much affected. We passed over to *Berchly* about seven, and got so far as *Cheapstow*, where the People, I find, expected to hear me; but it being late, I could only sing, and pray, and preach to about forty that came to the Inn, and gave a Promise, if possible, that I would come and preach in their Church before I left *Wales*. *But future Things belong to thee, O God!*

HUSK and PONTYPOOL.

Wednesday, April 4. Came hither before Ten, and was much refreshed with the Sight of Mr. *Howel Harris*, and several other Christian Friends, who came from *Cardiff*, and other Places, to give me the Meeting.—The Pulpit being denied, I preached upon a Table under a large Tree, to some Hundreds, and God was with us of a Truth. After Dinner, with near forty on Horseback, I set out for *Ponty-pool*, five *Welsh* Miles from *Husk*.—About five we got thither, and found several thousands ready to hear.—The Curate being very solicitous for it, I preached first (he having read Prayers) in the Church; but there being great Numbers that could not come in, I went afterward and preached to all the People in the Field.—After Sermon, we went, and joined in Prayer at the Gentlewoman's House that owned the Field, and then we returned to the House of Mr. G——s, where after taking a little Supper, and expounding the third Chapter of *Genesis* to two Rooms full of People, we prayed, and betook ourselves to Rest, full of such unutterable Peace, as no one can conceive but those who feel it.—*God be praised for giving me to see so many*

many gracious Souls, whose Hearts seem to be knit together in Christian Love. Lord, what am I?

ABERGAVENNY and COMIHOR.

Thursday, April 5. Spent some Time very comfortably with my dear Friends at *Pentypool*, in singing, praying, and, religious Conferences; and then in Company with about thirty on Horseback came to *Abergavenny*, ten Miles from *Pentypool*, by eleven in the Morning. The Place I preached from, was the Backside of a Garden, belonging to one Mr. *W—s*, who invited me to *Abergavenny*, and erected a Place very commodious for my standing upon; so that the People, in Number about two thousand) could all hear very well.—After Dinner, I went, according to Appointment, with about forty on Horseback, to *Comihoy*, five Miles from *Abergavenny*, and found the Minister of the Church to be a hearty Friend, and two or three others like minded with him.—The Church not being large enough to hold half the Congregation, I preached from the Cross in the Chutchyard.—The Word came with Power.—When I had done, I hasted back with my Friends to *Abergavenny*, where we were kindly entertained; and, after having written a Letter or two, and expounded to three Rooms full of People, I went chearfully to Bed. *Oh that I may with the same Chearfulness resign my Breath, when call'd to lie down in the silent Grave!*

CARLEON

C A R L E O N and T R E L E K.

Friday, April 6. Set out about eight in the Morning from *Abergavenny*, with near a dozen Friends on Horseback; and soon after, near fifty or sixty more joined us; about Noon we reached *Carleon*, fifteen Miles from *Abergavenny*, a Town famous for having thirty *British* Kings buried in it, and producing three noble Christian Martyrs.—Many thousands were there from all Parts to hear me, and GOD gave me such Assistance, from above, that I was carried out beyond myself.—At three in the Afternoon we set out for *Trelek*, ten *Welsh* Miles from *Carleon*; but the Miles being very long, we could not reach thither till it was almost dark; so that most of the People who had been waiting were returned home: However, the Church being denied, I stood upon a Horse-block before the Inn, and preached from thence for about three Quarters of an Hour to those that were left behind; but I could not speak with such Freedom as usual: For, my Body was weak through the Fatigue of the past Day. *Lord, when shall I be delivered from the Burden of this Flesh? I wait for this Salvation, O Lord.*

C H E A P S T O W.

Saturday, April 7. Found myself but weak in Body when I rose in the Morning, and it being a very rainy Day, I resolved to stay at *Cherpstow* (which we reached by eleven of the Clock.) Great Numbers that came from the Countries round about, were ready to hear; but
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the Minister being unwilling to lend the Pulpit on a Week Day, I only exhorted the People in the Dining-Room of the Inn, where we put up. *Oh how swiftly has this Week glided away? To me it has been but as one Day. How do I pity those, who complain that Time hangs heavy upon their Hands! Let them but love Christ, and spend their whole Time in his Service, and they will find but few melancholy Hours.*

Sunday, April 8. Arose much refreshed, and highly pleased with the last Afternoon's Retirement; read Prayers, and preached twice at *Cheapstow* Church to very attentive Congregations, many of whom came from far. After Sermon, I gave a Word of Exhortation, and prayed with several that came to the Inn; and about five, set out, with my Friends, to *Colford*, eight Miles from *Cheapstow*, and went and visited a religious Society, which has met with much Opposition.—*And no wonder, for they which are born after the Flesh, always did and always will persecute those who are born after the Spirit.*

COLFORD and GLOUCESTER.

Monday, April 9. Preached this Morning in the Market-house at *Coleford* to about one hundred People, and afterwards talked, I trust, with effect to some Scoffers at the Inn. After this, I set out for, and reached *Gloucester* my native City about Noon; where I was refreshed by a great Packet of Letters, giving me an Account of the Success of the Gospel in different Parts. *GOD grant I may see some such Fruit amongst my own Countrymen.*

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Wednesday, April 11. Was treated this Day as I expected. — The Minister of *St. Michael's* was pleased to lend me his Church Yesterday and to day; but some being offended at the Greatness of the Congregations, and alledging that it kept People from their Business, he was influenced by them to deny the Use of his Pulpit any more on a Week Day, “*Ye are idle, ye are idle; say the Pharaoh's of this Generation; therefore ye say, Let us go worship the Lord.*” — About four I set out for *Painswick*, a Town five Miles distant from *Gloucester*, where the Pulpit being denied, I preached to a large Congregation from the Stairs belonging to the School-house, in one of the Streets. Many were solicitous for me to come and preach at other neighbouring Places also. — At my Return to *Gloucester*, my Heart was much refreshed by the Reception of near thirty Letters from *Bristol*; all, I hope, from Persons whose Hearts GOD hath been pleased to touch, and powerfully convince of Self-righteousness. — *Give them, O LORD, Change of Raiment!*

Thursday, April 12. Spent the Morning in answering some of my dear Correspondents, and preached in the Evening to near three thousand Hearers in my Brother's Field. — After Sermon, I visited two crowded Societies; where many received the Word with Gladness; and To day I felt such an intense Love, that I could have almost wished myself accursed for my Brethren according to the Flesh. *Oh that they experimentally*

mentally knew the Things that belong to their Peace before they are everlastingly hid from their Eyes!

Friday, April 19. Preached at Noon to a much larger Congregation than Yesterday in the Field; took a little Refreshment, and went, upon Invitation, to *Chafford*, eight Miles from *Gloucester*, where I preached with great Power to above 3000 Souls, all which behaved with great Decency, and seemed desirous to be fed with the sincere Milk of the Word—*Oh that it may take deep Root in their Hearts!*

Saturday, April 14. Lay at *Stroud*, about three Miles from *Chafford*; preached in the Fields belonging to the Inn, at Nine in the Morning, to about 600; and being intreated most earnestly, as I passed through the Town Yesterday, at three I preached again at *Painswick*, to double the Number I preached to before. And GOD was with us of a Truth. As soon as I had done, I hasted to *Gloucester*, according to Appointment, and preached in the *Boothall* to, I believe, near 5000 People. I was uncommonly enlarged in Prayer; and though I had preached twice, and rode some Miles, yet I think, I never spoke with greater Freedom.—*If GOD will work, who shall hinder?*

Sunday, April 15. Preached by eight in the Morning to a larger Congregation than ever in my Brother's Field; went to the Cathedral Service at Ten; and after Dinner went to *Stonehouse*, being invited thither by the Minister, as well as People.—It rained all the Way going thither; but notwithstanding that, I believe 3000 Souls were ready to hear. The Church not being large enough to contain a third Part of the
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Auditory, I preached from a very commodious Place on the Outside ; and though it rained the whole Time, yet I did not observe one Person leave the Place before I had done.—Afterwards many of the Children of God came to me, rejoicing that *Free Grace in Christ* had been preached unto them, telling me, it was Food to their Souls, and what they had experienced for some Years.—The other People also behaved most affectionately, and would have constrained me to abide with them all Night ; but being engaged to return back to *Gloucester*, I hasted thither through the Rain, and expounded in the *Boothall* to several thousands. All behaved quite well, all was hushed and solemn.—And my delivering the Word from a Place just before where the Judges sit rendered it yet more awful.—*Oh that I could plead the Cause of my Lord and King, even Jesus Christ, with greater Power!*

Monday, April 16. Preached with an extraordinary shower of Divine influence amongst us at my Brother's Field about ten in the Morning.—Received a most comfortable Packet of Letters, giving an Account of the Success of the Gospel ;—visited the Prison, took a little Refreshment, preached to near a thousand at *Oxnell*, seven Miles from *Gloucester*, being invited thither by the Reverend Mr. *Pouncefoot*, a worthy Minister of *Jesus Christ* ; then returned, and preached my Farewel Discourse to more People than ever in the *Boothall*, and afterwards found my Strength renewed.—*Faithful is he that hath promised, who also will do it.*

Tuesday, April 17. Spent this Morning in visiting a private Society, and conversing with many religious Friends, who came from some distance

to take their Leave.—About eleven, by the Bishop's Permission, I baptised, at the Church of *St. Mary de Crypt*, Mr. *Thomas W—d*, a professed Quaker, about sixty years of Age, who was convinced of the Necessity of being born again of *Water*, as well as the *Spirit*. Many of *Christ's* faithful Servants attended.—After the Solemnity, was over, I gave a Word of Exhortation from the Font; and it being the Place where I myself had been baptised, it gave me an Opportunity of reflecting on my own frequent Breaches of my baptismal Vow, as well as proving the Necessity of the *New Birth* from the Office of our Church.—*LORD make all Partakers of it for thy Mercies Sake!*

CHELTENHAM, 7 Miles from *Gloucester*.

Being earnestly invited by several of the Inhabitants, I came hither, attended with about a dozen Friends, by five of the Clock; and the Use of the Pulpit being refused I preached on the *Bowling-green* belonging to the *Plough-Inn*.—At the first, I found myself quite shut up.—I was stupid in my Head, and my Heart was as dead as a Stone; but afterwards my Spirits began to be refreshed, and I was enabled to preach with uncommon Energy to near two thousand People. Many were convicted; and some were so comforted that they were almost unable to support themselves under it.—*GOD's Children alone know what these Things mean.*

Wednesday, April 18. Preached this Morning to a much larger Congregation than we had last Night, and with such a spiritual Gale, that several Servants of God said, they never saw the

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the like before.—Got safe to *Evesham* (where Mr. Seward's Relations live) about seven at Night.—Several Persons came to see me, amongst whom was Mr. *Benjamin Seward*, whom GOD has been pleased to call by his free Grace very lately.—He was bred up at *Cambridge* for some Years. So far as outward Morality went, he was blameless; my Proceedings he could by no means approve, and he had once a Mind, he said, to write against Mr. *Law's* Enthusiastick Notions.—But lately it has pleased GOD first to humble him and afterwards to reveal his dear Son in him.—He is a Gentleman of a very large Fortune.—*Blessed be GOD, that although not many rich, not many mighty, not many noble are called, yet some are. Lord Jesus, add to the happy Number!*

Thursday, April 19. Went to *Badsey*, about two Miles from *Evesham*, where Mr. Seward's eldest Brother lives.—About four in the Evening, the Churches, both at *Evesham*, *Benge-worth*, and *Badsey*, being denied, I preached from the Cross, in the Middle of *Evesham-street*, to a great Congregation, and went to *Badsey*, and preached in Mr. Seward's Brother's Yard to a great Number of People, many of which came from *Evesham* to hear me again.—*GOD grant it may strike home to their Hearts.*

Friday, April 20. Preached again about nine in the Morning at the Cross, went to Church, and received the Sacrament.—Preached again at *Badsey* at five in the Evening, and returned and expounded in the Town-Hall; which, tho' very large, was quite thronged.—The Recorder himself procured the Keys for us, and great Numbers of People were truly affected. The
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standing in the Judge's Place, and speaking thence, gave me awful Thoughts of him who is appointed to be the Judge of quick and dead.—
Lord, Jesus prepare us for thy second Coming.

O X F O R D.

Sunday, April 22. Preached Yesterday in the Morning at *Badsey* to a weeping Audience, and then joined in Prayer, and set out for *Oxford*, which I reached about ten at Night. Visited To-day two Societies, at the first of which many Gownsmen came to hear.—Before I began, I desired them to behave like Gentlemen and Christians.—I also prayed particularly for them, and applied myself in Meekness and Love to them at the End of my Discourse. I bless God, an Awe was impressed upon their Minds, and they behaved quietly;—but afterwards they followed me to my Inn, and came uninvited up into my Room.—However, I took that Opportunity of giving them a second Exhortation. Some mocked.—*Lord, send forth thy Light and thy Truth, and make them Scribes ready instructed to thy heavenly Kingdom!*

Tuesday, April 24. Met with a little more Opposition this Morning—About nine o'Clock, after I had exhorted the Society, the Vice-Chancellor came in Person to the House where we were assembled, having threatened to do so some Time ago, if they continued to build up one another in that Manner.—He sent for me down Stairs, being informed that I was in the House.—When I first saw him, I perceived that he was in a Passion, which he soon expressed in such Language

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guage as this; "Have you, Sir, says he, a
 " Name in any Book here? Yes, Sir, said I;
 " but I intend to take it out soon. Yes, and
 " you had best take yourself out too, replied he,
 " or otherwise I will lay you by the Heels.
 " What do you mean, continued he, by going
 " about, and alienating the Peoples Affections
 " from their proper Pastors? Your Works are
 " full of Vanity and Nonsense; you pretend to
 " Inspiration. If you ever come again in this
 " Manner among these People, I will lay you
 " first by the Heels, and these shall follow."

Upon this, he turned his Back, and went away:
 —I desired the Brethren to join in Prayer, took
 my Leave, being just going to set out as the
 Vice-Chancellor came in, and about eight at
 Night, I and my Friends reached *Uxbridge*,
 where we were greatly refreshed by the coming
 of several more, and the Receipt of some Letters
 from *Savannah*. Blessed be God, all is well;
 and I shall now think the Time long till I
 embark for *Georgia*. Lord, let that People be
 precious in thy Sight.

L O N D O N.

Thursday, April 26. Assisted in administering
 the blessed Sacrament at *Islington*; where the
 Vicar, in Conformity to the Rubrick, takes
 Care to observe the Octaves of *Easter*.—After
 this, I expounded to a large Roomful of Peo-
 ple, and perceived the Hearers Hearts were so
 melted down by the preaching of the free Grace
 of God in *Christ Jesus*, to poor Sinners, that
 Floods of Tears flowed from their Eyes.—In
 the Evening I expounded to a Society at *St.*
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Mary Hill in *London*, and then retired to rest, wishing that all felt the Comforts GOD was then pleased to communicate to my Soul.—*Indeed I can say, that the Lord is gracious.*

Friday, April 27. Went this Morning to *Islington* to preach, according to the Vicar's Appointment; but in the midst of the Prayers the Church-Warden came, demanding me to produce my Licence, or otherwise he forbade my preaching in that Pulpit. I believe I might have insisted upon my Right to preach, being in Priest's Orders, and having the Presentation of the Living at *Savannah*, which is in the Bishop of *London's* Diocese, a stronger Licence than that implicit one, by which hundreds of the inferior Clergy are by his Lordship permitted to preach: However, for Peace Sake, I declined preaching in the Church; but after the Communion Service was over, I preached in the Church-yard; being assured my Master now called me out here, as well as in *Bristol*.—*Stand by me, O Lord, for thy infinite Merits Sake.*

Saturday, April 28. Preached this Morning again in *Islington Church-yard*, and to a Congregation as near as large again as Yesterday, and the Word was attended with extraordinary Power. The second Lesson was very applicable, being *Acts xxv.* I can say with *St. Paul*, *Neither against the Temple, nor against Cæsar have I done any Thing, and yet I am cast out, and reviled as an evil Doer; but the Scriptures must be fulfilled, "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you."*—About six I expounded to a thronged Society at *Fetter-lane*, and at eight on *St. Mary Hill*. The Portion of Scripture that was to be opened, was the
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nineteenth of *Genesis*, which was very applicable to what happened: For some unhappy Men came and pressed, and broke down the Door; but they were soon aw'd into Silence, and, I believe, really felt the Weight of God's Word.—*The Fierceness of Men shall turn to thy Praise, and the Remainder of it shalt thou restrain!*

Sunday, April 29. Begun to be yet more vile this Day, for I preached in the Morning at *Moorfields* to an exceeding great Multitude, and at five in the Evening went and preached at *Kennington Common*, about two Miles from *London*, where upwards of 20,000 People were supposed to be present. The Wind being for me, it carried the Voice to the extremest Part of the Audience. All stood attentive, and joined in the Psalm and Lord's Prayer so regularly, that I scarce ever preached with more Quietness in any Church.—Many were much affected.

*For this let Men revile my Name,
I'd shun no Cross, I'd fear no Shame;
All hail Reproach, and welcome Pain,
Only thy Terrors, Lord, restrain.*

Monday, April 30. Declined preaching Today, that I might have Leisure to write to some of my Correspondents, and make Provision for my poor Orphans at *Georgia*.—Received Letters this Evening from thence, telling me of the Affairs of that Colony.—At present they have but a melancholy Aspect; but our Extremity is God's Opportunity.—*Lord, thou calledst me; lo! I come to do thy Will.*

Tuesday, May 1. Preached after publick Service in *Stington Church-yard* to a greater Congrega-

gregation than ever; and in the Evening went to expound on *Dowgate Hill*, at the House of Mr. C—h; but when I came to the Door no less than two or three thousand People were gathered round it; so that to avoid a Noise, I was obliged to stand up in the Fore-street Window and preach to them in the Street.—*Surely it is high Time, upon every Account, to take the Field.*

Thursday, May 3. Was fully employed all this Day in making Preparations for my Voyage, and preached at six this Evening, as well as Yesterday (this Time I chose that People may not be drawn away from their Business) at *Kennington*, and great Power was amongst us.—The Audience was more numerous and silent than Yesterday, the Evening calm, and many went affected away.—*Glory be to God, I begin to find an Alteration in the Peoples Behaviour. God grant it may increase more and more!*

Saturday, May 5. Preached Yesterday and To-day, as usual, at *Kennington Common*, to about 20,000 Hearers, who were very much affected.—The Remainder of my Time I spent in preparing Things for *Georgia*.—I am not usually so much engaged in Seculars; but I as readily do this as preach, when it is the Will of God.—It is a great Mistake that some run into, to suppose Religion consists only in saying our Prayers; but I think a Man is no further holy, than he is relatively holy: And he only will adorn the Gospel of our Lord JESUS CHRIST in all Things, who is careful to perform all the civil Offices of Life, whether Servant, Master, or Mistress, with a single Eye to God's Glory, and from a Principle of a lively Faith in JESUS CHRIST our Saviour.—*This is the Morality which We preach,*
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and which shall stand as long as the Rock on which it is founded, even for ever and ever.

Sunday, May 6. Preached this Morning in *Moorfields* to about 20,000 People, who were very attentive, and much affected; and at six preached at *Kennington*: But such a Sight I never saw before. Some supposed there were above 30 or 40,000 People, and near fourscore Coaches, besides great Numbers of Horses; and there was such an awful Silence amongst them, and the Word of God came with such Power, that all seemed pleasingly surprised. I continued my Discourse for an Hour and a half.—*The more Men oppose, the more will Jesus be exalted.*

Monday, May 7. Had full Employment again To-day in preparing for my Voyage; did not preach, only expounded in a private House, where ten Pounds were collected for the Orphans. Tho' I kept it as secret as possible, yet Numbers of People crowded round the Door; so that I find myself more and more under a Necessity of going out into the Fields. Received several Letters of the Fruits of my Ministry in several Places, and had divers come to me awakened, under God, by my preaching in the Fields. *Thanks be to God, they are white unto Harvest.*

Tuesday, May 8. Preached in the Evening, as usual, on *Kennington Common*.—Some considerable Time before I set out from Town, it rained very hard, so that once I thought of not going; but after joining in hearty Prayer, I thought it most adviseable to go, and, to my great Surprize, when I came to the *Common*, I saw many thousand People.—All the While, except a few Moments, the Sun shone out upon

us ; and, I trust, the Sun of Righteousness arose on some with healing in his Wings.—For the People were melted down very much at the preaching of the Word, and put up hearty Prayers for my temporal and eternal Welfare.—*Oh that they may enter into the Ears of the Lord of Sabaoth !*

Wednesday, May 9. Waited at Noon upon the honourable Trustees for *Georgia*.—They received me with the utmost Civility, agreed to every Thing I asked, and gave me a Grant of five hundred Acres of Land, to me and my Successors for ever, for the Use of the Orphan-house.—After preaching in the Evening to about 20,000 for above an Hour at *Kennington*, the Hearers contributed most cheerfully and liberally towards it.—I was one of the Collectors, and methinks it would have delighted almost any one to have seen with what Eagerness the People came up both Sides the Eminence on which I stood, and afterwards to the Coach Doors to throw in their Mites.—When we came Home, we found we had collected above Forty-seven Pounds, amongst which were sixteen Pounds in Half-pence ; for which we endeavoured to give hearty Thanks.—*Accept this, Holy Father, for thy dear Son's Sake.*

Friday, May 11. Preached at *Kennington* to a yet larger Audience than the last Night, and collected Twenty-six Pounds fifteen Shillings and Sixpence for the Orphan-house.—The Readiness wherewith the People gave is inexpressible.—Indeed I can say they offered willingly ; for I think they could not have taken more Pains, or expressed more Earnestness, had they all been to have received an Alms.—*One Sign this, I hope,*

I hope, that the Word of God has taken hold of their Hearts.

Saturday, May 12. Agreed To-day for myself and eleven more, to go on Board the *Elizabeth*, Captain *Allen*, to *Pensylvania*; where I design, God willing, to preach the Gospel in my Way to *Georgia*, and buy Provisions for the Orphan-house.—*Lord, send thy Angel before us to prepare our Way!*—Had many come to me this Morning, acquainting me what GOD had done for their Souls by the preaching in the Fields; and in the Evening preached to about 20,000 People at *Kennington*, as usual, the Weather continuing remarkably fair whilst I was delivering my Master's Message.—*Oh that all would embrace him!* **L O R D**, make them willing in this Day of thy Power!

Sunday, May 13. Preached this Morning to a prodigious Number of People in *Moorfields*, and collected for the Orphans Fifty-two Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Sixpence, above twenty Pounds of which was in Halfpence.—And indeed I was almost wearied in receiving their Mites; which were more than one Man could carry Home.—*Thus will God make his Power to be known.*—Went to publick Worship twice, and preached in the Evening to so many thousand that many went away because they could not hear; but GOD enabled me to speak, so that the best Part of them, as I was informed, could understand me well; a very remarkable and deep Silence being preserved whilst I was speaking.—After Sermon I made another Collection of Twenty-nine Pounds seventeen Shillings and Eight-pence, and came Home desiring to be humbled with a Sense of what GOD was doing for pre-

ciuous Souls.—I doubt not but many self-righteous Bigots, when they see me spreading out my Hands to offer JESUS CHRIST freely to all, are ready to cry out, “How glorious did the Rev. Mr. *Whitefield* look To-day, when, neglecting the Dignity of a Clergyman, he stood venturing his Enthusiastick Ravings in a Gown and Cassock upon a Common, and collecting Mites from the poor People?” But if this is to be vile, Lord grant that I may be more vile.—I know this Foolishness of preaching is made instrumental to the Conversion and Edification of Numbers.—*Ye Scoffers, mock on, I rejoyce; yea, and will rejoyce.*

Monday, May 14. Was employed most of this Day in visiting some Friends, and settling my Georgia Affairs. Spent the Evening very agreeably with several Quakers at the House of Mr. *Hy—m.*—*How much Comfort do those lose who converse with none but such as are of their own Communion!*

Tuesday, May 15. Preached this Evening at *Kennington*, and GOD was pleased to send us a little Rain: But the People, notwithstanding, stood very attentive; and as soon as the Rain came, I received uncommon Strength from above.—*The good Lord water us all with the Dew of his heavenly Blessing!*

Wednesday, May 16. Sent a Quaker, whom GOD was pleased to convince, to be baptized by Mr. *S—*. Waited upon the honourable Trustees, who still treated me with the utmost Civility.—Dined with some more serious Quakers, and preached at *Kennington*, and have Reason to bless GOD more and more for the Order and Devotion of those that came to hear the Word.

—*Indeed*

—Indeed they behave as though they believed God was in that Place.

Thursday, May 17. Preached, after several Invitations thither, at *Hampstead-beath*, about five Miles from *London*.—The Audience was of the politer Sort, and I preached very near the Horse-course, which gave me Occasion to speak home to their Souls concerning our spiritual Race.—Most were attentive, but some mocked.—Thus the Word of God is either a Saviour of Life unto Life, or of Death unto Death.—*God's Spirit bloweth when and where it listeth.*

Friday, May 18. At six this Evening I preached in a very large open Place in *Shadwell*, being much pressed by many to go thither.—I believe there were upwards of 20,000 People.—At first, through the Greatness of the Throng, there was a little Hurry; but afterwards, all was hush'd and silent.—The Word, I believe, made its Way into the Hearers Hearts, and very near twenty Pounds were collected for the Orphan-house.—*Glory be to thee, O Lord!*

Saturday, May 19. Had the Pleasure of being an Instrument, under God, with Mr. *Seward*, of bringing a young Man out of *Bethlehem*, who was lately put into that Place for being, as they term it, *Methodically mad*.—The Way I came to be acquainted with him, was by his sending me the following Letter.

To the Reverend Mr. Whitefield these.

“ Dear Sir,

“ I have read your Sermon upon the *New-*
 “ *Birth*, and hope I shall always have a due
 “ Sense of my dear Redeemer's Goodness to me,

“ that has so infinitely extended his Mercy to
 “ me, which Sense be pleased to confirm in me
 “ by your Prayers; and may Almighty God
 “ bless and preserve you, and prosper your mi-
 “ nisterial Function. I wish, Sir, I could have
 “ some explanatory Notes upon the New Testa-
 “ ment, to enlighten the Darknes of my Un-
 “ derstanding, to make me capable of becoming
 “ a good Soldier of JESUS CHRIST; but, above
 “ all, should be glad to see you. I am,

Dear Sir,

Yours affectionately with my whole Heart,

Bethlehem Hospital, N^o 50. . . Joseph Periam.

According to his Request I paid him a Visit,
 and found him in perfect Health both in Body
 and Mind. A Day or two after, I and Mr.
Seward went and talked with his Sister, who
 gave me the three following Symptoms of his
 being mad. *First*, That he fasted for near a
 Fortnight. *Secondly*, That he prayed so as to be
 heard four Story high. *Thirdly*, That he had
 sold his Cloaths, and given them to the Poor.—
 This the young Man himself explained to me
 before; and ingenuously confessed, that under
 his first Awakenings, he was one Day reading
 the Story of the young Man whom our Lord
 commanded to sell all, and to give to the Poor,
 and thinking it must be taken in the literal Sense,
 out of Love to JESUS CHRIST he sold his Cloaths,
 and gave the Money to the Poor.

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May the 5th I received a second Letter from him,

“ *Query 1.* If Repentance does not include
 “ a Cessation from Sin, and turning to Virtue;
 “ and though notwithstanding I want that deep
 “ Contrition mentioned by some Divines, yet
 “ as I live not willfully in any known Sin, and
 “ firmly believe the Gospel of our Lord JESUS
 “ CHRIST, may I not thereby be intitled to the
 “ Benefits of CHRIST’S Death and Resurrection,
 “ in the Perseverance of Knowledge, and Prac-
 “ tice of my Duty?

“ *Query 2.* If I am in Prison, whether I may
 “ not, without Offence to GOD, make use of
 “ Endeavours to be discharged, by which I may
 “ be enabled to get into a pious Christian Fa-
 “ mily, and consequently be grounded and firmly
 “ settled in the Love of GOD, it being my De-
 “ sire; for I am surrounded with nothing but
 “ Prophaneness and Wickedness?

“ *Query 3.* If my Objections to being im-
 “ prisoned are inconsistent or wicked, which are,
 “ that I am obliged to submit to the Rules of
 “ the House, in going to my Cell at seven or
 “ eight of the Clock at Night, and not let out
 “ till six or seven in the Morning, by which I
 “ am debarred the Use of Candle, and conse-
 “ quently Books; so that all that Time, ex-
 “ cept what is spent in Prayer and Meditation,
 “ is lost. Which Exercises, though good, are,
 “ by so constant Repetition, and for want of
 “ Change, deaden’d?

“ *Query 4.* If I should, by the Goodness of
 “ GOD, be discharged, whether I may, with-
 “ out Offence to the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST,

“ follow the Business of an Attorney at Law, to
 “ which I was put as a Clerk ; and by a con-
 “ scientious Discharge of that Duty, be thereby
 “ intitled to a heavenly Inheritance ; my Fear
 “ in this Point arising from our Lord’s Advice
 “ about going to Law, *Matthew v. 40.*

“ *Query 5.* If I cannot be discharged by pro-
 “ per Application, (which Application pray be
 “ pleased to let me have) how can I best spend
 “ my Time to the Glory of God, myself and
 “ Brethren’s Welfare ? And please to give me
 “ Rules for the same.

“ *Worthy Sir,*

“ These Questions, whether momentary or
 “ not, I leave to your Judgment. If you think
 “ they deserve an Answer, should be glad to
 “ have them solved ; for as I am sensible of the
 “ Power of my Adversary the Devil, surely I
 “ cannot but act with the utmost Circumspec-
 “ tion, which gives me Occasion to trouble you
 “ herewith ; and I hope, Sir, the Circumstance
 “ of the Place I am in, may excuse the Man-
 “ ner in which I have wrote to you, and count
 “ it not an Affront ; for GOD is Witness how
 “ I love and esteem the Ministers of JESUS
 “ CHRIST ; for whose dear Sake, may the GOD
 “ of infinite Love and Goodness establish and
 “ confirm you in the daily Success of your mi-
 “ nisterial Labours, which are the daily Prayers
 “ of

Your most unworthy,

but faithful humble Servant,

*Bethlehem, N^o 50.
 May 5, 1739.*

Joseph Periam.

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P. S. “ I am afraid, Sir, I misbehaved my-
 “ self when you so kindly came to see me ; but
 “ if I did in any Measure, your Christian Love
 “ and Charity will excuse it ; for not being
 “ warned of your coming, the Surprize, though
 “ pleasant, so fluttered my Spirits, that I was
 “ overburdened with Joy.

“ O how pleased should I be to see you !”

To this I sent the following Answer.

“ Dear Sir,

May 7, 1739.

“ The Way to Salvation is by *Jesus Christ*,
 “ who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.—
 “ The Way to *Christ* is by Faith. *Whosoever*
 “ *liveth and believeth in me*, says our Lord,
 “ *though he were dead, yet shall he live*. But this
 “ Faith, if it is a saving Faith, will work by
 “ Love.—Come then to *Jesus Christ* as a poor
 “ Sinner, and he will make you a rich Saint.
 “ This, I think, serves as an Answer to your
 “ first Query.

“ It is, no Doubt, your Duty, whilst you are
 “ in the House, to submit to the Rules of it ;
 “ but then you may use all lawful Means to get
 “ yourself out. I have just now been with your
 “ Sister, and will see what can be done farther.
 “ —*Watch and pray.*

I am,

Dear Sir,

Your affectionate Friend and Servant,

G. W.

A Day or two after I received a third Letter, in which was as follows :—

“ *Worthy Sir,*

“ I received your Letter, which was a full
 “ Answer to my Queries, and give you my
 “ hearty thanks for the Trouble you have taken
 “ upon you (the only Gratitude I can at present
 “ pay ; but he, whom I have perfectly at
 “ Heart, will supply the Deficiency to you, and
 “ will not suffer a meritorious Act to go unre-
 “ warded.) Oh how do I daily experience the
 “ Love of *Christ* towards me, who am so vile,
 “ base, and unworthy ! I pray God I may al-
 “ ways be thankful, and both ready to do and
 “ suffer his most gracious Will, which I trust,
 “ through your Prayers and God’s Grace, I
 “ shall at all Times submit to.

“ My Father was with me last Night, when
 “ I shewed him your Letter. He was pleased
 “ to say, he thought me not mad, but very
 “ well in my Senses, and would take me out,
 “ on Condition Doctor *Monro* and the Com-
 “ mittee were of his Opinion. Then he va-
 “ ried again, and thought it convenient for
 “ me to stay the Summer, and so to take Phyfic
 “ twice a Week, fearing a Relapse. I told
 “ him, as a Father, he should be wholly obeyed ;
 “ but when at parting he mentioned my leaving
 “ Religion (or Words to that Purpose, at which
 “ I was somewhat stirred in my Spirit) I told
 “ him, nothing should prevail upon me to leave
 “ *Jesus Christ* ; upon which he left me. This
 “ is the Substance of what passed between us,
 “ which, I hope, is not amiss to let you know
 “ of,

“ of, as you have been so kind as to plead for
 “ my Liberty.

“ Upon the whole of the Matter, Sir, God
 “ gives me perfect Resignation, and I trust
 “ when he shall see fit, will discharge me; and
 “ as I find his Love daily more and more fixed
 “ abroad in my Heart, all Things will work
 “ together for my good. Pray, Sir, be thankful
 “ for me, and if Opportunity will let you, I
 “ should be sincerely glad to see you before you
 “ set out for *America*. And may almighty God,
 “ in his infinite Goodness, prosper, guide, and
 “ protect you thro’ this transitory Life, and here-
 “ after receive you triumphantly into the hea-
 “ venly *Jerusalem*, there to converse with, and
 “ see the ever blessed *Jesus*, that dear Lamb of
 “ God; to which that you may attain, are the
 “ hearty and fervent Wishes of

Your loving and sincere Friend,

Wednesday, May 9, 1739.

Joseph Periam.

“ I am ashamed to trouble you thus, but my
 “ Heart is full.”

Upon reading this I was sensibly touched with a Fellow-feeling of his Misery; and, at my Request, Mr. *Seward* and two more Friends waited upon the Committee. But alas! they esteemed my Friends as much mad as the young Man, and frankly told them, both I and my Followers, in their Opinion, were really beside themselves. My Friend *Seward* urged the Example of the young Persons, who called the Prophet that was sent to anoint *Jehu* King, a mad Fellow;—of our Lord, whom his own Relations, and the

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Scribes and *Pharisees*, took to be mad, and besides himself—and *Festus's* Opinion of *St. Paul*—He further urged, that when young People were ~~under~~ their first Awakenings, they are usually tempted by the Devil to run into some Extremes.—But all such Language confirmed the Gentlemen more and more, that Mr. *Seward* was mad also. And to prove that the young Man was certainly mad, they called one of the Attendants, who said, when Mr. *Periam* first came into the Place, he stripped himself to the Shirt, and prayed.—The Reason of this, as Mr. *Periam* said afterwards, was, that he might innure himself to Hardship at once: For being brought from *Bethnall Green*, where he was taken great Care of, into a cold Place, without Windows, and a damp Cellar under him, he thought it best to season himself at first, that he might learn to endure Hardness as a good Soldier of *Jesus Christ*. In the midst of the Conference, some Way or other, they mentioned his going to *Georgia*, and said, if I would take him with me, they would engage that his Father should give Leave to have him released.—A Day or two after, Mr. *Seward* waited upon his Father, who gave his Son an excellent Character, and consented to his going abroad.—After this, he waited upon the Doctor, who pronounced him well.—And To-day he waited again upon the Committee, who behaved very civilly, and gave the young Man a discharge.—He is now with me, and I hope will be an Instrument of doing good *. Before I leave my Ac-

* At my Embarkation, he went with me to *Georgia*, where he married one of the Orphan-House Mistresses.---After a few Years, both died, and I have now two of their Sons in the Orphan-House, who are very promising Boys.

count of him, I cannot help telling what Usage he met with at his first coming into *Bethlehem*.—Being sensible within himself, that he wanted no bodily Physick, he was unwilling at first to take it; upon which, four or five took hold of him, cursed him most heartily, put a Key into his Mouth, threw him upon the Bed, and said (though I had then never seen or heard of him) you are one of *Whitefield's* Gang, and so drenched him.—I hear also, that there was an Order given, that neither I, nor any of my Friends, should be permitted to come unto him.—*Alas! Alas!* how shortly will that Day come when these unbappy Men shall be heard to cry out, “*We Fools counted their Lives Madness, and their Ends to be without Honour! How are they numbred among the Children of God! How is their Lot among the Saints!*”—Dined at *Clapham* with Mr. B——— a Quaker. Preached in the Evening at *Kennington Common* to about 1500 People, who were very attentive and affected.—Afterwards I spent two Hours at *Fetter-lane* Society, where we had a most useful Conference concerning the Necessity every Christian lay under to have some particular Calling, whereby he may be a useful Member of the Society to which he belongs.—We all agreed to this unanimously; and as for my own Part, I think, if a Man will not labour, neither ought he to eat.—*To be so intent on pursuing the one Thing needful, as to neglect providing for those of our own Household, in my Opinion, is to be righteous overmuch.*

Sunday, May 20. Went with our Brethren of *Fetter-lane* Society to *St. Pauls*, and received the holy Sacrament, as a Testimony that we adhered to the Church of *England*.—Preached at *Moorfields*

fields and Kennington Common, and at both Places collected very near fifty Pounds for the Orphan-house. A visible Alteration is made in the Peoples Behaviour:—For though there were near Fifteen Thousand in the Morning, and near double the Number, as was supposed, in the Afternoon, yet they were as quiet during Sermon, as though there had not been above fifty Persons present.—I did not meet with a Moment's Interruption. And could say of the Assembly, as Jacob did on another Occasion, Surely God is in this Place.—

H E R T F O R D.

Monday, May 21. Was fully engaged all the Morning in settling my Georgia Affairs.—Left London about three, called and prayed at a House or two in the Way, and reached Hertford between eight and nine at Night.—I never saw a Town so much alarmed.—The Streets were every Way crouded; and, by the Behaviour of some, I thought we should have had many Scoffers.—But, blessed be God, I never preached to a more quiet Congregation.—The Hearers were in Number about four or five thousand, and the Place I preached in was a Common near the Town.—Afterwards, a certain Gentlewoman, Lydia like, constrained both me and my Friends, if we judged her worthy, to come and abide in her House that Night, which we did to our great Comfort. The Lord reward her a Thousand-fold.

Hertford and Oulney in Buckinghamshire.

Tuesday, May 22. Preached about seven in the Morning from the same Place, and to near as large a Congregation as I did last Night.—God gave me uncommon Power, and all, I hope, went away convinced that my Doctrine was of God.—Breakfasted with Mr. S——d's, a dissenting Minister, who kindly invited and received me and my Friends.—Dined at *Hitchin*—Promised, at the Request of many, to preach to them, God willing, on *Friday* Morning, and reached *Oulney* about ten at Night, where I long since promised to come.—Here also God had prepared a Table for us; and here I was not a little comforted with meeting with the Reverend Mr. R—. of *Bedford*, who, like me, has lately been thrust out for speaking of *Justification by Faith* and the *New-Birth*, and has commenced a Field-preacher. Once he was shut in-Prison for a short Time, but thousands flock to hear him, and God blesses him more and more. *I believe we are the first professed Ministers of the Church of England that were so soon, and without Cause, excluded every Pulpit. Whether our Brethren can justify such a Conduct, the last Day will determine.*

Wednesday, May 23. Being denied the Pulpit, I preached this Morning in a Field near the Town, to about two thousand People, with much Freedom and Power. They were very attentive, and I could have continued my Discourse much longer; but the Bells ringing for Prayers, I adjourned my Hearers to publick
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Worship, where many of them went, and God was pleased to speak to us much in the second Lesson.—*How powerfully does the Word of God come to our Hearts, when we experience it? Otherwise, it is a dead Letter.*

N O R T H A M P T O N.

Reached *Northampton* about five in the Evening, and was most courteously received by Doctor *Dodridge*, Master of the Academy there.— At seven, according to Appointment, I preached to about three thousand Hearers on a Common near the Town, from the Starting-post.— Great Power, I believe, was amongst us, and I preached with wonderful Pleasure.— *Oh that we may all run so as to obtain the Crown of Life, which God, the righteous Judge, will give at the last Day, to all that love our Lord Jesus in Sincerity.*

Thursday, May 24. Preached again in the same Place at about eight in the Morning, but to a much larger Audience. Breakfasted with some pious Friends. Was greatly comforted by several choice Children of God, who came from different Parts, and left *Northampton* about eleven, rejoicing with my Friends at the great Things God had already done, and was yet about to do for us. *Many righteous Souls live in and about Northampton, and nothing confirms me more in my Opinion, that God intends to work a great Work upon the Earth, than to find how his Children of all Denominations every where as I am informed, wrestle in Prayer.*

O U L N E Y.

Being much sollicitated thereto, after Sermon Yesterday, I hastned, in Company with near a Dozen Friends, to *Oulney*, eight Miles from *Northampton*, and got thither about ten of the Clock.—Great Numbers were assembled together; but on account of its being a rainy Day, it was judged inconvenient to preach in the Fields.—I therefore stood upon an Eminence in the Street, and preached from thence with such Power as I have not for some Time experienced. Tho' it rained all the time, yet the People stood very attentive and patient. All, I really believe, *felt*, as well as *heard* the Word, and one was so pricked to the Heart, and convinced of Sin, that I scarce ever saw the like Instance.—*The Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than a two-edged Sword.*

B E D F O R D.

Hastned away as fast as possible from *Oulney* to *Bedford*, where I had promised, God willing, to preach this Night. About seven we got thither, and found the Town fully alarmed.—About eight, I preached from the Stairs of a Windmill (the Pulpit of Mr. R—) to about three thousand People; and God was pleased to give me extraordinary Assistance, and thereby caused me so to renew my Strength, both bodily and spiritual, that my Journey did not affect me at all.—*As thy Day is, so shall thy Strength be.*

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Friday, May 25. Preached at seven in the Morning with great Power, and rather a larger Congregation than before.—Took an affectionate Leave of many gracious Souls, and reached *Hitchin*, ten Miles from *Bedford*, about one of the Clock at Noon.—The Town, I perceived, was much alarmed, and many devout Souls came from far to hear me.—About two, I got upon a Table in the Market-place, near the Church; but some were pleased to Ring the Bells in order to disturb us. Upon this, not having begun, we removed into a most commodious Place in the Fields; but being a little fatigued with my Ride, and the Sun beating most intensely upon my Head, I was obliged, in a short Time, to break off, being exceeding sick and weak.—A kind Gentlewoman offered me her House, where I went, and lay down for about two Hours, and then came and preached near the same Place, and God was with us.—It was pleasing to see how the Hearts of the People seemed to be knit in Love.—I could have continued longer with them; but being under an Engagement to go to *St. Albans*, I hastned thither, but could not preach on account of my coming in so late. Great Numbers had been there expecting it; and it grieved me to think how little I could do for *Christ*. *For he is a gracious Master, and had I a thousand Lives, they should be spent in his Service.*

St. ALBANS and LONDON.

Saturday, May 26. Had a comfortable Night's Rest, which much refreshed me.—Preached at seven in the Morning to about fifteen hundred People in a Field near the Town with great Power, and got safe to *London* by two in the Afternoon.—Blessed be God, this has been a Week of fat Things. Some further Inroads, I trust, have been made into *Satan's* Kingdom; and many Sinners convicted, and many Saints much comforted and established in their most holy Faith. I find there are some thousand secret ones yet living amongst us, that have not bowed the Knee to *Baal*, and this Publick Way of acting brings them out.—It much comforts me, wherever I go, to see so many of God's Children, of all Communions, come and wish me good Luck in the Name of the Lord.—I perceive People would be every where willing to hear, if the Ministers were ready to teach the Truth as it is in *Jesus*.—*Lord, do thou spirit up more of my dear Friends and Fellow-Labourers to go out into the Highways and Hedges, to compel poor Sinners to come in.* Amen.—Received an excellent Letter from the Reverend Mr. *Ebenezer Erskine* of *Scotland*, Brother to Mr. *Ralph Erskine*, acquainting me of his preaching last Week to fourteen thousand People.—*The Lord furnish us all with spiritual Food wherewith to feed so great Multitudes!*—Preached in the Evening at *Kennington Common* to about fifteen thousand People, and we had an extraordinary divine Influence amongst us.—*Ob! that all who object a-*
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gainst this Way of preaching, would come and see!

Sunday, May 27. Preached this Morning at *Moorfields* to about twenty thousand, and GOD manifested himself still more and more. My Discourse was near two Hours long. My Heart was full of Love; and People were so melted down on every Side, that the greatest Scoffer, one would imagine, must have owned that this was the Finger of God.—Went twice to publick Worship, received the blessed Sacrament, and preached, as usual, in the Evening at *Kennington Common*, to about the same Number of People as I did last Lord's Day. I was a little hoarse; but GOD strengthened me to speak so as not only to be heard, but, I trust, felt likewise, by most that stood near.--*Glory be to GOD in the Highest!*

Monday, May 28. Preached, after earnest and frequent Invitation, at *Hackney*, in a Field belonging to one Mr. R—. to about ten thousand People.—I insisted much upon the Reasonableness of the Doctrine of the *New Birth*, and the Necessity of our receiving the Holy Ghost in its sanctifying Gifts and Graces, as well now as formerly. GOD was pleased to impress it most deeply upon the Hearers. Great Numbers were drowned in Tears; and I could not help exposing the Impiety of those vile Teachers, and only those, who say we are not now to receive the Holy Ghost, and count the Doctrine of the *New Birth* *Enthusiasm*. *Out of your own Mouths I will condemn you, you blind Guides. Did you not, at the Time of Ordination, tell the Bishop, that you were inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost, to take upon you the Administration of the Church? Surely, at that Time, you acted the*

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Crime of Ananias and Sapphira over again. Surely, says Bishop Burnet, you lyed not only unto Man, but unto GOD.

Tuesday, May 29. Went to publick Service at *Westminster Abbey*. Afterwards dispatched Business for the *Georgia Orphans*, and preached at *Kennington* to a most devout Auditory with much Sweetness and Power. The Subject I treated of, was our Lord's Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes; and I hope he who fed so many Thousands with bodily Bread, did feed the Hearers Souls with the Bread of Life which cometh down from Heaven.

Wednesday, May 30. Waited upon *Dr. Butler*, Bishop of *Bristol* (who treated me with the utmost Civility) and received his Lorship's Benefaction for *Georgia*. At the Request of many, I preached in the Evening at *Newington Common* to about 15000 People. A most commodious Place was erected for me to preach from. The Word came with Power; and sixteen Pounds nine Shillings and Four-pence were gathered for the Orphan-house. — *blessed be the Lord for thus far prospering this Work!*

Thursday, May 31. Was taken very ill this Afternoon; but GOD was pleased to strengthen me to go to *Kennington*, where I preached to my usual Congregation; and three of my Brethren in the Ministry were pleased to accompany me, which filled the People with great Joy. — *O Lord of the Harvest, send forth, we beseech thee, more Labourers into thy Harvest.*

Friday, June 1. Dined at *Oldford*, — gave a short Exhortation to a few People in a Field, and preached in the Evening at a Place called *May-Fair*, near *Hyde Park Corner*. — The Congregation

gregation was, by far, the largest I ever preached to yet.—In the Time of Prayer there was a little Noise; but a deep Silence was kept during my whole Discourse.—An high and very commodious Scaffold was erected for me to stand upon; and tho' I was weak in myself, yet GOD strengthened me to speak so loud that most could hear; and I trust *feel* also.—*All Love, all Glory be to GOD through Christ.*

*So weak, so frail an Instrument,
If thou, my God, vouchsafe to use;
'Tis Praise enough to be employ'd,
Reward enough, if thou excuse.
If thou excuse, then Work thy Will
By so unfit an Instrument;
It will at once thy Goodness shew,
And prove thy Pow'r Omnipotent.*

Saturday, June 2. Sent another Quaker to be baptised by Mr. S——. Collected by private Contributions near fifty Pounds for the Orphans, and preached in the Evening to about 10000 at *Hackney*, where twenty Pounds twelve Shillings and four Pence were gathered on the same Occasion. Before I went out to preach, I was very sick and weak; but I was enabled to continue preaching for an Hour and an half, and the People were dissolved in Tears, and wept most bitterly. It rained some considerable Time, but almost all were unmoved; and I was so enlarged, by talking of the Love and Free Grace of *Jesus Christ*, that I could have continued my Discourse till Midnight.—*Faithful is he that hath promised, that they that wait on the*
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*Lord shall renew their Strength. Oh free Grace
in Christ Jesus our Lord!*

Sunday, June 3. Preached at *Moorsfields* to a larger Congregation than ever, and collected Twenty-nine Pounds seventeen Shillings and nine Pence for the Orphan-house; went twice to publick Worship, received the Sacrament, and preached in the Evening at *Kennington Common*, to the most numerous Audience I ever yet saw in that Place, and collected Thirty-four Pounds five Shillings. When I mentioned my Departure from them, they were melted into Tears.—Thousands of Ejaculations and fervent Prayers were poured out to GOD on my Behalf, which gave me abundant Reason to be thankful to my dear Master.—I am now going, I trust, under the Conduct of GOD's holy Spirit and Providence, to *Pensylvania* and *Virginia*, and from thence to *Georgia*, knowing not what will befall me, save that that Labours, Afflictions, and Trials of all Kinds must necessarily abide me. O my dear Friends pray that none of these Things may move me, and that I may not count even my Life dear unto myself, so that I may finish my Course with Joy, and the Ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus.

*Captain of my Salvation, hear!
Stir up thy Strength, and bow the Skies;
Be thou the God of Battles near;
In all thy Majesty arise!*

*Steel me to Shame, Reproach, Disgrace,
 Arm me with all thy Armour now,
 Set like a Flint my steady Face,
 Harden to Adamant my Brow.*

*Bold may I wax, exceeding bold
 My high Commission to perform,
 Nor shrink thy barrest Truths t'unfold,
 But more than meet the gathering Storm.*

*Adverse to Earth's rebellious Throng,
 Still may I turn my fearless Face,
 Stand as an iron Pillar strong,
 And steadfast as a Wall of Brass.*

*Give me thy Might, Thou GOD of Power,
 Then let or Men or Fiends assail!
 Strong in thy Strength, I'll stand a Tower
 Impregnable to Earth or Hell.*

Blackheath, in Kent.

Monday, June 4. Went a second Time to pay my Respects to the Archbishop of Canterbury, but his Grace was gone out.—Waited upon the Bishop of London, who used me very civilly.—Finished all my Affairs according to my Mind.—Took Leave of my weeping Friends, and went in Company with many of them to *Blackheath*, where was near as large a Congregation as there was at *Kennington* the last *Lord's-Day*.—I think I never was so much enlarged since I have preached in the Fields.—My Discourse was near two Hours long, and the People were so melted

melted down, and wept so loud, that they almost drowned my Voice.

Blendon.

Tuesday, June 5. Went in the Morning to *Blendon*, five Miles from *Blackbath*, and enjoy'd a sweet Retreat at the House of Mr. D—. Preached with great Freedom of Heart at *Bexley Common*, at 11 in the Morning, to about 300 People, and in the Evening, near *Worwich*, to several Thousands.—Then I return'd to *Blendon* rejoicing, and spent the Remainder of the Evening most delightfully with many dear Christian Friends, who came from *London* to see me.—*Oh! how does their sweet Company cause me to long for Communion amongst the Spirits of just Men made perfect! Accomplish, O Lord, I beseech thee, the Number of thine Elect, and hasten thy Kingdom.*

Bexley, and Gravesend.

Wednesday, June 6. Breakfasted with many Friends, and gave a Word of Exhortation to many more that came from *London* to bid me Adieu.—Their Hearts were ready to break with Sorrow.—About 10 in the Morning read Prayers, and preached at *Bexley Church*, Mr. P—, the Vicar, my Brother and Fellow-Labourer in *Christ*, having given me a pressing Invitation.—The Congregation was large, and the Word seem'd to impress the Hearts of all that heard it — *Blessid be God!*—After Sermon we dined with Mr. P. and having taken a Farewel, we left our Friends in Tears, and hasted to

Gravesend, where I read Prayers, and preached in a Church near the Town to about 600 People. — *I have no Objection against, but highly approve of the Liturgy of our Church, would Ministers lend me their Churches to use it in.*—*If not, let them blame themselves, that I pray and preach in the Fields.*

Gravesend, Bexley, and Blendon.

Thursday, June 7. Received two Letters from Persons, confessing, that they came to hear me out of a bad Motive, but were apprehended by the free Grace of *Jesus Christ*.—Answered them, and some others.—Read Prayers, and preached in the same Church as I did last Night.—Took some Refreshment, returned in the Evening and preached in *Bexley Church*, being much excited so to do by the kind Sollicitations of Mr. *P.*—The Congregation was much larger than we could expect, and most seem'd deeply affected.—Here some of Mr. *D*——'s Family gave us the Meeting.—After Sermon I return'd to their House at *Blendon*, praising and blessing GOD, that we had once more an Opportunity of building up each other in our most holy Faith.—*O! how sweet is this Retirement to my Soul!*

Friday, June 8. Preached at *Bexley* in the Morning, and at *Charlton* in the Afternoon, whither I was invited by the Earl and Countess of *Egmont*. Both before and after Sermon they entertained me with the utmost Civility — My Heart was much comforted by GOD, and at Night I returned with my Friends to *Blendon*. • *Oh! the*

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*Comforts of having all of one Mind in a House!
It begins our Heaven upon Earth.*

Saturday, June 9. Was much pleased and edified in reading Bishop *Hall's Christ Mystical*, and *Erskine's Sermons*.—Preached in the Evening at *Dulwich*, not to a very large Congregation, and went afterwards to *Blackheath*, and spent a most agreeable Evening with many Christian Friends, who came thither on Purpose to give me the Meeting.—*Blessed be God, all behaved as tho' their Conversation was in Heaven.*

Blendon, Bexley, and Blackheath.

Sunday, June 10. Hasten'd back to *Blendon*, where more Christian Friends came last Night to see me.—Preached with more Power than ever, and assisted in administering the Sacrament to about 200 Communicants in *Bexley Church*.—Din'd, gave Thanks, and sung Hymns at Mr. *D——'s*.—Preached with great Power in the Evening on *Blackheath*, to above 2000 People, and collected sixteen Pounds seven Shillings for the Orphans.—After Sermon I went to the *Green Man*, near the Place where I preached, and continued till Midnight instant in Prayer, Praise, and Thanksgiving, and Christian Conversation.—I believe there were near 50 or 60 of us in all.—Great Decency, and much Devotion was to be seen.—Numbers stood by as Spectators.—God enlarged my Heart much in Prayer and Exhortation.—And in short every Thing was so well regulated, that all unprejudic'd Persons that came in must say, *Surely God is in this Place.*

*Silent have we been too long,
 Aw'd by Earth's rebellious Throng;
 There if we should still deny,
 Lord, the very Stones would cry,*

Hallelujah.

Blackheath, Bexley, Dulwich, and Blendon.

Monday, June 11. Pray'd, sung with, and gave a warm Exhortation to those that continued at *Blackheath* all Night—Read Prayers at *Bexley* Church, din'd with Mrs. S— at *Leuistham*, a Gentlewoman, who gladly received both me and my Friends into her House; preached in the Evening to a much larger Audience than before at *Dulwich*, and then hasted back to *Blendon*, in Company with some who Love our Lord JESUS in Sincerity.—*Oh how swiftly and delightfully do these Hours pass away which are spent in Christian Conversation!*

Blendon, Bexley, and Blackheath.

Tuesday, June 12. Read Prayers at *Bexley* Church—Begun (being pressed thereto by my Friends) to put some of my Extempore Discourses into Writing—Preached at *Blackheath* in the Evening to about 20,000 People, and spent the remaining Part of the Night with rather more Friends, and as much Chearfulness, Decency and Devotion, as on *Sunday* Night last.—Several People of different Ranks stood by, as before; some, I hope, went away edified, for God gave me great Enlargement of Soul, and
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the Exhortation, I trust, reached their Hearts.—*God grant we may thus always continue to let our Light shine before Men!—It cannot but bring Glory to our Father which is in Heaven.*

Wednesday, June 13. Retired in the Morning to *Blendon*, preached, as usual, at *Blackheath*, and went with my Fellow Travellers to *Lewisbam*, about a Mile off, to the House of Mrs. S—, who has frequently pressed me to abide there.—After Supper I expounded to, and prayed with several Gentlemen and Ladies whom Mrs. S— had invited to hear the Word.—*Oh that it may take deep Root in their Hearts!*

Thursday, June 14. Spent the whole Day in my pleasant and profitable Retreat at *Blendon*—And in the Evening had the Pleasure of introducing my Honoured and Reverend Friend Mr. *John Wesley* to preach at *Blackheath*.—*The Lord give him ten thousand Times more Success than He has given me!* After Sermon, we spent the Evening most agreeably together with many Christian Friends at the *Green Man*—About ten we admitted all to come in that would—The Room was soon filled—I exhorted and prayed for near an Hour, and then went to Bed, rejoicing that another fresh Inroad was made into Satan's Territories, by Mr. *Wesley's* following me in Field Preaching in *London* as well as in *Bristol*.—*Lord, speak the Word, and great shall the Company of such Preachers be. Amen. Amen.*

Friday, June 15. Continued at *Blendon* all Day.—Preached with great Power in the Evening at *Blackheath* to about as many as usual, and after retired to *Lewisbam*, where I and my Friends were again most kindly receiv'd by Mrs. S—.

May the Lord bless her House as he did the House of Obed-edom, and make each of our Souls an Ark of the Holy Spirit!

Saturday, June 16. Returned in the Morning to *Blendon*—Finished some Writings I had in Hand, and preached in the Evening at *Blackbeath* on *Abrah.m's* Offering up his Son *Iaac*.—*God make us Partakers of such a working obedient Faith!*

Sunday, June 17. Preached with much Power in *Bexley* Church; and helped to administer to near 300 Communicants, most of which came from *Lo dm.*—Baptiz'd a Person of 28 Years of Age, whom GOD had work'd upon by my Ministry. Din'd at *Blendon*, and took sweet Counsel with many Christian Friends—preached to above 20,000 People at *Blackbeath*, and afterwards supp'd again at the *Green Man*. There were near 300 in the Room.—*Let them count us Vain-glorious for thus confessing Christ before Men.*—*It is a small Thing with us to be judged of Mens Judgment.*—*To our own Master we stand or fall.* *What we are the last Day will shew.*

Hertford.

Monday, June 18. An Embargo being laid upon the Shipping for some Weeks, I had Time to go to *Hertford*, whither I was invited by several pressing Letters, declaring how GOD had work'd by my Ministry, when I was there last.—We din'd and pray'd with *Madam C*— of *Newington* and her Family, and reached the Place intended by seven at Night—A most kind Reception I met with from many Christians—
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At eight I preached, according to Appointment, with Freedom of Spirit, to about 4000 People, who were quite silent and attentive—Blessed be God, I found myself much stronger than when I was here last—*God grant I may so live that my Progress may be made known unto all Men!*

Tuesday, June 19. Preached this Morning about Seven o'Clock to near 3000 People with uncommon Enlargement of Heart, and apparent Success—Many came to me under strong Convictions of their fallen Estate, and their want of a God-man to be their Mediator—Many I heard of besides who had been much wrought on by the Word preached—Several Christian Families, I find, had been comforted—And such immediate Effects produced, that I could not help rejoicing in Spirit exceedingly—Breakfasted, din'd, pray'd, and sung Hymns with Mr. S——, a Dissenting Minister, was visited by some Quakers, and in the Afternoon waited upon Mr. *Th——ood*, a Baptist Teacher, who, unknown to me, had sent a Horse to fetch me from *London*. Preached about seven in the Evening to about five thousand Souls upon the Faith of *Abraham*, in which GOD was pleased to give me great Freedom, and the People great Attention.

Broad-Oaks, in Essex.

Wednesday, June 20. Set out about five in the Morning, and halted to *Broad-oaks*, above 20 Miles from *Hertford*.—About Twelve we got thither, and perceived that Providence had sent us most opportunely to a Family, some of whom being born after the Spirit, are, for that Reason,

most violently opposed and persecuted by those Foes of their own Household, who are only born after the Flesh. A Clergyman has been employed to divert them from their present Madness, as they call it; and has done them the Honour of Preaching against them.—After having spent some comfortable Hours together, we went to *Wimbish-Green*, where Mr. Charles Wesley had preached some Time ago. I rode thither in a Chaise, and preached from it to about 400 People, with great Freedom and Power.—About nine we returned to *Broad-oaks*, and spent the most heavenly Night I have known for a long while. Oh! how doubly sweet are Opportunities when we have been debarred of them for some Time! I believe the Saints of old did not want Comfort even when they were obliged to shut the Doors for Fear of the Jews, or hide themselves in Dens and Caves of the Earth. *The Lord prepare us all for such an Hour!*

Saffron-Walden.

Thursday, June 21. Was much refreshed by last Night's Rest.—Preached at *Saffron Walden*, eight Miles from *Broad-oaks*, to about 2000 People: Din'd with my Friends at Mr. F——r's. Preached at five in the Evening, to a like Congregation as before, and returned to *Broad-oaks*, singing and praising G O D.—*My Sheep, says our Lord, hear my Voice.*

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Thaxted, and Bishop-stortford.

Friday, June 22. Read Part of *Jenks's Submission to the Righteousness of Christ*, a most excellent Book.—Preached at nine in the Morning at *Thaxted*, about two Miles from *Broad-oaks*, to upwards of 1000 People, but with such Sweetness and Power, as I have not felt since I came into *Essex*.—About five we got thither, and at six, G O D enabled me to preach with Power to near 4000 People.—Many devout Souls were present, and several Invitations were given me in the Name of *Christ*, to other Parts of *Essex*, which I promised to do, supposing the Embargo on the Shipping continued.—

Blessed be God, this itinerant Preaching brings me acquainted with Numbers of his Children, which otherwise I might never have seen or heard of in this Life. The united fervent Prayers of so many righteous Souls, undoubtedly will avail much in my Behalf! Lord, was ever Love like thine!

Blackheath.

Saturday, June 23: Set out betimes from *Bishop-stortford*, and reached *Blackheath* about three in the Afternoon.—Preached at seven in the Evening to about 1000 People.—The Smallness of the Congregation was occasioned by a Report that I was dead.—Wherever I came I found the People much surprized and rejoiced to see me alive.—*But, alas! I fear I am not yet to die. If I am to live, may it be to declare thy Works, O Lord!*

Bexley.

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Sunday, June 24. Read Prayers, and assisted in administering the Sacrament at *Bexley Church*.—Many came from far, and expected to hear me, but the Diocesan had been pleased to insist on the Vicar's denying me the Pulpit.—Preached in the Afternoon to about 300 People in Justice *D—*'s Yard, and in the Evening on *Blackbath*, to upwards of 20000, on these Words, *And they cast him out.* I recommended to the People the Example of the blind Beggar, and reminded them of preparing for a gathering Storm.—*God grant we may learn when we are reviled, not to revile again, when we suffer may we threaten not, but commit our Souls into the Hands of him that judgeth righteously!*

L O N D O N.

Monday and Tuesday, June 25. Came hither privately last Night.—Took Coach about 11 and reached *Cirencester* by 10 the next Evening. Justly may I say, *I am a Stranger and Pilgrim upon Earth: For I have here no continuing City.*—*May I always be preparing myself for that which is to come, a City not made with Hands, eternal in the Heavens, whose Builder and Maker is God!*

Cirencester and Gloucester.

Wednesday, June 26. Waited on the Minister of the Parish, and asked him for the Use
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of his Pulpit, but he refused it.—Went to public Worship at 11. and preached to about 3000 People in a Field near the Town about 12.—Was afterwards visited by several gracious Souls of the *Baptist's* Congregation, who brought me five Guineas for the Orphan-house. Set out about Four in the Afternoon, and reached *Gloucester* about Seven in the Evening, where I found the late Report of my being dead had only serv'd to make my present Visit more welcome.—*Thus all Things work together for Good to those that love God.*—Soon after I came into Town, I visited the Society, and expounded for the Space of an Hour to more People than the Room (tho' it was large) would contain. Blessed be GOD, all heard the Word most gladly:—And I trust the Seed sown when I was here last, was not all sown on stony, or thorny Ground.—*This is the Lord's Doing—To him be all the Glory through Jesus Christ.*

Gloucester.

Thursday, June 27. Preached in the Morning to about 1000 People in my Brother's Field.—Went to publick Prayers at the Cathedral.—Waited upon the Bishop, who received me very civilly.—Visited some sick Persons in the Afternoon who sent for me.—Preached at Night to upwards of 3000.—GOD was pleased to give me uncommon Freedom and Liberty in speaking. Great Numbers were melted into Tears, and most, I believe, went convicted away. *Thanks be to God, who thus giveth us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gloucester, and Painswick.

Friday, June 29. Preached in my Brother's Field in the Morning to a large and very affected Congregation, went to the Cathedral Service, visited some religious Friends, and preached (at the earnest Invitation of many who had heard before) to above 3000 Souls in *Painswick-Street*. All was hush'd and silent. The Divine Presence was amongst us; and all seem'd to rejoice and thank GOD abundantly.—*It well becometh the Righteous to be thankful.*

Stroud, and Gloucester.

Saturday, June 30. Spent the Evening with some Christian Friends, lay at *Painswick*, and preached about Ten in the Morning to near 2000 People, in the *Bowling-Green* belonging to the *George-Inn* in *Stroud*, three Miles from thence.—GOD was with us.—After Sermon, I went in Company with many Friends to *Gloucester*, where I preached at Seven in the Evening to a larger and more affected Congregation than ever. *Blessed be God, the Word has free Course.—Oh! that it may run and be glorified through all the Earth.*

Gloucester, Randwick, and Hampton-Common.

Sunday, July 1. Preached at Seven in the Morning to a much increased Audience in my Brother's Field.—Breakfasted at *Gloucester*, and preached at Eleven in the Morning, read Prayers in the Afternoon, and preached again in the
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Afternoon at *Randwick Church*, about Seven Miles from *Gloucester*. The Church was quite full, about 2000 were in the Churchyard, who, by taking down the Window that lay behind the Pulpit, had the Conveniency of hearing. Many wept sorely. After Evening Service I hasted to *Hampton Common*, and to my great Surprise, found, as was computed, near 20000 on Horse-back and Foot ready to hear. New Strength was imparted to me from above. I spoke with greater Freedom than I had done all the Day before, and about twelve at Night I reached *Gloucester* much fresher than when I left it in the Morning. *Surely Jesus Christ is a gracious Master. They that wait upon him shall renew their Strength.*

Monday, July 2. Preached this Morning in my Brother's Field to a larger Audience than ever.—Found my Spirits much exhausted by Yesterday's Labours, but notwithstanding a sweet Power was amongst us.—After Dinner I went to *Tewksbury*, where I found much Opposition had been made by the Bailiff against my Coming.—Upon my Entrance into the Town, I found the People much alarmed, and as soon as I was got into the Inn, four Constables came to attend me. But a Lawyer being there who was my Friend, he demanded the Constable's Warrant, who being not able to produce one, he sent them about their Business. At eight o'Clock I went into a Field lent me by one *Mr. H—ds*, which lay without the Liberties of the Town.—My Audience consisted of 2 or 3000 People.—I spoke with Freedom, and most, as I afterwards heard, went satisfied and affected away.—The Remainder of the Evening I spent most agreeably

ably with many Christian Friends who accompanied me on my Journey.— I perceived a fresh Supply of Spirits to be given me from above, and rejoiced in that God who leads us on from conquering to conquer.

Tewksbury, and Evesham.

Tuesday, July 3. Waited this Morning upon Mr. J——s, one of the Town-Bailiffs, and asked him in Meekness, “ For what Reason he sent the Constables after me ? ” He said, “ It was the Determination not of himself, but of all the Council. ” — He then said, “ The People were noisy, and reflected upon the Bailiffs. ” I answered, “ that was owing to their sending the Constables with their Staves to apprehend me, when I should come into Town. ” — Upon this he began to be a little angry, and told me, “ A certain Judge said, he would take me up as a Vagrant, was I to preach near him. ” I answered, “ he was very welcome to do as he pleased. But I apprehend no Magistrate had Power to stop my Preaching even in the Streets, if I thought proper. ” “ No, Sir, says he, if you preach here To-morrow, you shall have the Constables to attend you. ” — After this I took my Leave, telling him, “ I thought it my Duty as a Minister to inform him, that Magistrates were intended to be a Terror to evil Doers, and not to those who do well. And I desired, he would be as careful to appoint Constables to attend at the next Horse Race, Balls, and Assemblies, ” &c.

About nine in the Morning we left *Tewksbury*, and reached *Evesham* about Noon.— The poor People

People were much alarmed, hearing I had been abused at *Tewksbury*. — — And the Magistrates of *Evesham* had threatened to apprehend me if I preached within their Liberties — — After this I went to a Friend's House to eat Bread, and came to my Inn, wishing that all felt the Love of God shed abroad in their Hearts — — *Then would this Opposition cease.*

Evesham, Pershore, Tewksbury, and Gloucester.

Wednesday, July 4. Preached by seven in the Morning at *Evesham*, breakfasted at an hospitable *Quaker's* House, and went in Company with about thirty to *Pershore*, where I was kindly invited by Mr. *P.* the present Incumbent, who gave me the Meeting as I was going to the Church. — I read Prayers, and preached with Power — Several Clergymen were present, and after Sermon Mr. *P.* sent me his Thanks, and gave me another Invitation to *Pershore*. The Inhabitants were much affected, and I was receiv'd gladly into some of their Houses, and requested to come to Others. — — About five in the Evening I took an affectionate Leave of *Evesham* Friends, and in Company with about 120 on Horseback went to *Tewksbury*, which was much alarmed. — — The Streets were crowded with People from all Parts. — I rode immediately through the Town, preached to about 6000 Hearers in a Field lent us by Mr. *P.* but saw no Constables that came either to molest or attend on me — — Immediately after Sermon I took Horse, and reached *Gloucester* near Midnight. — — *Shouldst Thou come, O Lord, at that Time, may we be ready to go forth to meet thee!*

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Gloucester, and Chefford.

Thursday, July 5. Preached about Ten in the Morning, as usual, to a numerous and deeply affected Audience; and my own Heart was full of Love to my dear Countrymen.—Many Friends after this came to take Leave of me, and told me what GOD had done for their Souls.—About five in the Evening, I reached *Chefford Common*, and at seven preached till it was near dark to upwards of 10000 People.—*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who delighteth in the Prosperity of his Servants.*

B R I S T O L.

Friday, July 6. Lay at the House of Mr. *Wa—n*, a Clothier, two Miles from *Chefford*.—Rose at Six, and after Family Duty, and taking a little Breakfast, we set forwards towards *Bristol*.—At *Petty France* some Friends met us, afterwards more joined us, and before we came within two Miles of *Bristol*, our Company increased very considerably.—At Seven in the Evening I preached at *Baptist Mills*, to about 6 or 7000 People, who were much melted by the Power of GOD's Word.—*I hope they will receive a second Benefit.*

Sunday, July 8. Preached at the *Bowling-Green* to about 10000 People, greatly affected indeed.—About 11, I preached again at *Hannam-Mount* to near as many Hearers, and at Seven in the Evening to about 20000 at *Rose-Green*—and observed such a visible Alteration in the Congregation for the better, that convinces me more and more that GOD is with us of a Truth.—*As our Opposition encreases, I doubt not*
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but the Manifestations of God's Presence amongst us will increase also.

Tuesday, July 10. Preached Yesterday Evening at the *Brick-Yard* to about 8000 People—and preached afterwards to several thousand Strangers and Colliers, in the School-house, which has been carried on so successfully, that the Roof is ready to be put up.—A great and visible Alteration is made in the Behaviour of the Colliers. Instead of Cursing and Swearing, they are heard to sing Hymns about the Woods; and the Prospect of their future Welfare filled me with Joy unspeakable.—They took a most affectionate Leave of me.—*Lord put thou their Tears into thy Bottle!*—Went immediately after Sermon was ended with Mr. *Wesley*, and several other Friends, to *Bath*, and preached there to about 3000 People at Seven in the Evening—It rained a little all the while, but the People were very patient and attentive, and I never had such Power given me to speak to the polite Scoffers before.—*Oh that the Scales were removed from the Eyes of their Minds!*

Bath and Bristol.

Wednesday, July 11. Preached at 11 in the Morning, to a larger Audience than last Night, and almost with equal Power.—Hastened to *Bristol*, and preached in the Evening at *Baptist-Meetings* to a large Congregation. It rained much—*But, blessed be GOD, the People's Hearts are so far influenced by the Gospel of Christ, that they care but little whether it rains or shines.*

Thursday, July 12. Was busied most of the Day in fitting a Sermon for the Press *On the In-*
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dwelling of the Spirit.—Preached in the Evening to 8 or 9000 People in the *Bowling-Green*, with great Freedom and Power, and afterwards spent an Hour most delightfully with some Christian Friends.—*Blessed be God for the Communion of Saints! Oh! when shall I be translated to the Communion of the Spirits of just Men made perfect! As the Hart panteth after the Water Brooks, so doth my Soul long after that perfect Fellowship with the Sons of God!*

Friday, July 13. Preached my Farewel Sermon at 7 in the Morning to a weeping and deeply affected Audience.—My Heart was full, and I continued near two Hours in Prayer and Preaching.—The poor People shed many Tears, and sent up Thousands of Prayers in my Behalf, and would scarce let me go away.—Their Mites they most chearfully contributed to the School-House at *Kingswood*:—*Blessed be God for seeing this Increase of his Mercy!*—Retired after Sermon to vent my Heart, which was ready to burst with a Sense of God's especial, distinguishing, repeated Favours.—Dined with and took a most affectionate Leave of a whole Roomful of weeping Friends. Set out about 4 o'Clock, and reached *Thornbury* about 8 in the Evening.—It raining exceeding hard most Part of the Day, there were but few Country People.—However, I preached to about 600 from a Table in the Street.—*I hope God gave it his Blessing.*

Thornbury, and Gloucester.

Saturday, July 14. Preached at 8 this Morning to an attentive Congregation.—Breakfasted
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at a Quaker's, and reached *Gloucester*, with Mr. *John Wesley*, and some others, by 3 in the Afternoon.

—Went to the Cathedral Prayers, dined, and afterwards preached to a Congregation a third Part larger than I have had in this Place before.

—*Lord make me truly humble and thankful!*

Sunday, July 15. Left Mr. *Wesley*, to preach to about 7000 Souls in *Gloucester*. And had the Pleasure afterwards of hearing that the People heard him gladly.—Preached twice in *Randwick Church*, and assisted in administering the Sacrament to 270 Communicants.—The Congregations were larger than when I preached last.—My Body being weak, I spoke with very little Power in the Morning; but in the Afternoon, God caused me to renew my Strength, and I preached with much Freedom and Power; and in the Evening at *Hampton Common*, I was enabled to preach to about 20000 Souls.—All behaved with great Reverence and Devotion; and after I had done I received fresh Invitations to different Places, which I proposed to comply with, if the Lord should permit—Never did I see People more eager after the *sincere Milk of the Word*.

Monday, July 16. Lay last Night at the House of Mr. *E—s* of *Ebly*, and had a most comfortable Time of it.—Went to *Tedbury*, about six Miles from thence, having been earnestly invited several Times, and preached at Noon to about 4000 People.—Many gracious Souls of divers Denominations came to meet me, with whom I took sweet Counsel; went afterwards, in Company with several Friends, to *Malmsbury* in *Wiltshire*, about 3 Miles from
Tedbury,

Tedbury, whither I had been invited by a Letter, signed by 52 Persons.—At 7 I preached to about 3000 People, who, I believe, felt the Power of God's Word.—Much Opposition had been made against my coming.—And the Minister in particular had wrote to the Church-warden to stop me,—But he was more noble.—Numbers, as I heard afterwards, who were vastly prejudiced against me by lying Reports, went away convinced that I spoke the Words of Truth and Soberness.—*Thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.*

Tuesday, July 17. Lay with my Fellow-Travelers at the House of Mr. L—, who most gladly received us for our Master's Sake.—Here I had a Thorn in the Flesh sent to buffet me, was weak in Body, and deserted in my Soul; with great inward Reluctance I rose and preached to about 2000 Souls at 8 in the Morning, then I retired to my Bed again, with an unspeakable Pressure upon my Heart till Noon.—Then I went and paid my Respects to the chief Magistrate, who was my Friend, and reached *Cirencester* about six in the Evening.—Here also Men breathed out Threatnings against me, but were not impowered to put them in Execution.—Numbers came from Neighbouring Towns.—The Congregation was as large again as when I preached here last.—God enabled me, to speak boldly:—Every Thing was carried on with Decency and Order, and my inward Comforts began to return again:—*God will not always be chiding, neither keepeth He his Anger for ever—How heavily do I drive when God takes off my Chariot Wheels!—Lord give me Humility, or I die!*

Cirencester, and Abingdon.

Wednesday, July 18. Found more than ever the Truth of the wise Man's Saying, *Wo be to him that is alone, for when he falleth he hath not another to lift him up.*—Breakfasted with one Mr. *H—r*, and preached at 7 in the Morning to about as numerous a Congregation, but with much greater Spirits than last Night—The Place where I preached was exceeding convenient—I stood in the Valley, and the People on an Ascent that formed a most beautiful Amphitheatre.—After I had done, God gave us some extraordinary Instances of the Power of his Word.—*Lord, not unto me, but unto thy Name be all the Glory.*—Left *Cirencester* about 11. dined at *Leatchlade*, where the Inhabitants were very importunate to hear me, would Time have permitted.—I reached *Abingdon*, 22 Miles from *Cirencester*, about 7, and preached to several thousands soon after I came in.—Much Opposition had been made against my Coming—The Landlord, whose House we offered to put up at, genteelly told us, he had not Room for us; and numberless Prejudices had been industriously spread to prevent my Success—But God strengthened me after my Journey, and enabled me to speak, I trust, to the Hearts of many—*God's Word will make its own Way, let Men say what they please. Christians Weapons are not carnal, but mighty thro' the Divine Power, to the pulling down Satan's Strong-holds.*

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Alington, and Basingstoke.

Thursday, July 19. At the Request of several well-disposed People, preached again this Morning, though not to so great a Number as before — A sweet Power was amongst us. — The Hearers melted into Tears. — My Heart was full of Love, and their's also were much affected. — *Oh! what a sudden Alteration does this Foolishness of Preaching make in the most obstinate Hearts! 'Tis but for God to speak the Word, and the Lion is turned into a Lamb. — Oh! that we were like that dear Lamb of God, who died to take away the Sins of the World!* — Breakfasted with Mr. F—r, who with many other Friends expressed great Tokens of Friendship for me and my Fellow Travellers — Set out at 11, dined at *Ilshy*, and reached *Basingstoke* about 7 at Night — Perceiving myself languid and weary, I lay down upon the Bed soon after our coming into the Inn, but was soon refreshed with the News, that the Landlord, one of whose Children was wrought upon when I was there last, would not let us stay under his Roof; upon which I immediately rose and went to another Inn; but the People made a Mock of both me and my Friends as we past along, shot out their Arrows, even bitter Words, and Fire-Rockets were thrown around the Door — — It was now near eight o'Clock, and too late to preach; I therefore retired from my Friends, gave God Thanks for accounting me worthy to suffer Reproach for his Name's Sake, and about an Hour after received the following Letter by the Hands of the Constable from Mr. Mayor.

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S I R,

Being a Civil Magistrate in this Town, I thought it my Duty, for the Preservation of Peace, to forbid you, or at least disswade you, from preaching here. If you persist in it, in all Probability, it may occasion a Disturbance, which I think is your Duty, as a Clergyman, as well as mine, to prevent. If any Mischief should ensue (whatever Pretence you may afterwards make in your own Behalf) I am satisfied it will fall on your own Head, being timely cautioned by me, who am,

S I R,

Basingstoke,
July 19, 1739.

Your most humble Servant.

P. S. The Legislature has wisely made Laws for the Preservation of the Peace, therefore I hope, no Clergyman lives in Defiance of them.

To this I immediately sent the following Answer :

Honoured Sir,

I thank you for your kind Letter, and I humbly hope a Sense of your Duty, not a Fear of Man, caused you to write it. If so, give me Leave to remind you, Honoured Sir, as a Clergyman, you ought to be a Terror to evil Doers, but a Praise to them that do well—I know of no Law against such Meetings as

‘ mine—If any such Law be existing, I believe
 ‘ you will think it your Duty to apprize me of
 ‘ it, that I may not offend against it—If no
 ‘ Law can be produced, as a Clergyman, I think
 ‘ it my Duty to inform you, that you ought to
 ‘ protect, and not any ways to discourage, or
 ‘ permit others to disturb, an Assembly of People
 ‘ meeting together purely to worship God.
 ‘ To-morrow, I hear, there is to be an Assembly
 ‘ of another Nature; be pleased to be as careful
 ‘ to have the publick Peace preserved at that,
 ‘ and to prevent prophane Cursing and Swearing,
 ‘ and Persons breaking the sixth Commandment,
 ‘ by bruising each other Bodies by Cudgelling
 ‘ and Wrestling; and if you do not this, I shall
 ‘ rise up against you at the great Day, and be a
 ‘ swift Witness against your Partiality. I am,

Honoured Sir,

Your very humble Servant,

GEORGE WHITEFIELD.

Friday, July 23. After Breakfast waited in
 Person upon Mr. Mayor, to see what Law could
 be produced against our Meetings—As soon as I
 began to talk with him, I perceived he was a
 little angry, and said, “Sir, you sneered me in
 the Letter you sent last Night—Though I am a
 Butcher, yet Sir, says he, I—” I replied, “I ho-
 noured him as a Magistrate, and only desired
 to know what Law could be produced against
 my Preaching: In my Opinion there was
 none.” — I then instanced the Trial of
 P—the Quaker, where the Jury, notwithstand-
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ing they were so hardly used, brought a Verdict in Favour of him—"Sir, says he, you ought to preach in a Church"—"And so I would, replied I, if your Minister would give me Leave"—"Sir, said he, I believe you have some sinister Ends in View—Why do you go about making a Disturbance?" I answered, I make no Disturbance—And it was hard I could not come into Town without being insulted—It was your Business, Sir, said I, to wait, and if there was any Riot in our Meetings, then, and not till then, it is your Duty to interpose—Then said he, "Sir, you wrote to me about the Revel To-day—I have declared against it"—But, said I, Sir, you ought to go and read the Riot-Act, and put an entire Stop to it—I then pressed him to shew me a Law against our meeting to worship God;—He answered, "It was an odd Way of preaching—But, Sir, says he, I must go away to a Fair--Before you came I had wrote you another Letter, which I will send you yet, if you please"—Upon this I thanked him, paid him the Respect due to a Magistrate, and took my Leave—Soon after I was returned to my Company, he sent me the following Letter.

Rev. Sir, *Basingstoke, July 20, 1730.*

‘ I received your extraordinary Letter, and
 ‘ could expect no other from so uncommon a
 ‘ Genius.

‘ I apprehend your Meetings to be unlawful,
 ‘ having no Toleration to protect you in it. My
 ‘ Apprehensions of Religion always was, and I
 ‘ hope always will be, that God is to be wor-
 ‘ shipped in Places consecrated, and set a-part

‘ for his Service, and not in Brothels, and Pla-
 ‘ ces where all Manner of Debauchery may
 ‘ have been committed; but how far this is
 ‘ consistent with your Actions, I leave you to
 ‘ judge.

‘ As for the other Assembly you are pleased to
 ‘ mention, ’tis contrary to my Will, having
 ‘ never given my Consent to it, nor approved of
 ‘ it, but discouraged it before your Reverendship
 ‘ came to this Town; and if these Cudgellers
 ‘ persist in it, I shall set them upon the same
 ‘ Level with you, and think you all Breakers of
 ‘ the public Peace—You very well know there
 ‘ are Penal Laws against Cursing and Swearing,
 ‘ and I could wish there were the same against
 ‘ Deceit and Hypocrisy—Your appearing against
 ‘ me as a swift Witness, at the Day of Judg-
 ‘ ment, I must own, is a most terrible Thing,
 ‘ and may serve as a Bugbear for Children, or
 ‘ People of weak Minds; but believe me, Re-
 ‘ verend Sir, those Disguises will have but lit-
 ‘ tle Weight amongst Men of common Under-
 ‘ standing.

Yours, &c.

I told you I had a Letter
 wrote: I made bold to send it.

To this I sent the following Answer :

Honoured Sir,

‘ Does Mr. Mayor do well to be angry? Alas,
 ‘ what Evil have I done! I honour you as a
 ‘ Magistrate; but as a Minister I am obliged to
 ‘ have no Respect of Persons—Your *apprehend-*
 ‘ *ing* my Meetings to be unlawful, does not
 ‘ make

' make them to be so — There's no need of a
 ' Toleration to protect me, when I do not act
 ' unconformable to any Law, Civil or Eccle-
 ' siastical — Be pleased to prove that my Meetings
 ' are Schismatical, Seditious, or Riotous, and
 ' then I will submit — But you say they are upon
 ' unconsecrated Ground — Honoured Sir, give
 ' me Leave to inform you, that God is not now
 ' confined to Places, but seeketh such to worship
 ' him, who worship him in Spirit and in Truth ;
 ' and where two or three are gathered together
 ' in *Christ's* Name, there will *Christ* be in the
 ' Midst of them — The Church, by our Mini-
 ' sters in their Prayer before their Sermons, is de-
 ' fined not to be the Church-Walls, but a Con-
 ' gregation of Christian People; such is mine.
 ' As for judging me — to my own Master I stand
 ' or fall; at his dreadful Tribunal I will meet
 ' you, and then you shall see what is in the
 ' Heart of,

Honoured Sir,

Basingstoke,

July 20, 1739.

Your very humble Servant,

GEORGE WHITEFIELD.

About eight o'Clock I went into a Field,
 lent me by Mr. *H - n*; and tho' one said, I
 should not go alive out of *Basingstoke* if I preached
 there, and another said, the Drum should beat
 just by me, yet I had little or no Interruption ;
 and God gave me such great Freedom in speaking
 against Revelling, and those few Scoffers that
 were there, that they were quite over-awed. —

As I came from the Field, passing through the Church-Yard, the Boys, headed by some of the baser Sort, saluted me as before, and called me strange Names, which, I trust, was received in somewhat of the Spirit of our dear Master.—From *Basingstoke* I intended to go to *Windsor*, but having not sent to any in that Place, and longing for a little Retirement, I lay at *Stains*, and spent some Hours in sweet Fellowship with my dear Fellow Travellers.—*O what a blessed Thing it is for Brethren to dwell together in Unity!*

L O N D O N.

Saturday, July 21. Set out a little after four in the Morning, and reached *London* by Breakfast Time.—Settled my Affairs, rejoiced with my dear Friends, and preached in the Evening to upwards of ten thousand at *Kennington Common*—The Poor Souls were ready to leap for Joy—The Word seemed to sink deep into their Hearts.—Great Numbers melted into Tears, and my own Heart overflowed with Love towards them—Blessed be GOD for what has been done here, since I left *London*, by my honoured Friend and Fellow Labourer, Mr. *Charles Wesley*.—*All Love, all Glory be to GOD, for giving such an Increase!*

Sunday, July 22. Preached at seven in the Morning to about 20000 at *Moorfields*—A greater Power than ever was amongst us—Scoffers and curious Persons daily drop off—Most that come now, I hope, do not come out of Curiosity.—Scarce ever, I believe, did People offer their Mites more willingly.—I collected 24 l. 17 s. for

for the School-House that is erecting at *Kingswood*, and all seemed solicitous how to express their Affection.—Went to *St. Paul's*, and received the blessed Sacrament, and preached in the Evening at *Kennington-Common* to about 30000 Hearers. GOD gave me great Power, and I never before opened my Mouth so freely to confute those, who either make our Sanctification a Cause of, whereas it is the Effect of our Justification before GOD, or so interpret away the Meaning of all the Doctrines of the Spirit, as to make Regeneration consist only in a Desire and good Disposition to do the Will of GOD; or, in other Words, in an outward Decency of Life, and a Morality falsely so called. This is the Sum and Substance of the Generality of our Modernizers of Christianity.—GOD only knows the Heart; but I trust I do not speak out of Repentment—No, I heartily wish all the Lord's Servants were Prophets—But I cannot see precious Souls sinking into *Papistical* Ignorance, and *Deism* refined, and not open my Mouth against those, who by their sensual lukewarm Lives, and unscriptural superficial Doctrines, cause them to err—*O LORD, send out, we beseech thee, send out thy Light, and thy Truth. Even so come, LORD JESUS, come quickly!*

Monday, July 23. This Day I received the following Letter from the worthy Quaker at *Basingstoke*, at whose House I lodged.

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Basingstoke, July 21, 1739.

‘ *My Dear Friend,*

‘ When I Yesterday went up to thy Inn,
 ‘ and found thee just gone, I was sorry that I
 ‘ miss’d an Opportunity, both of taking my
 ‘ Leave of thee, and expressing the Sense I had
 ‘ of the Power and Presence of God that was
 ‘ with thee, more especially in the latter Part
 ‘ of thy Sermon, and in thy Prayer after it.
 ‘ However I am truly glad, that thou wert pre-
 ‘ served out of the Hands of cruel and unrea-
 ‘ sonable Men. Thou heardst of the Threat-
 ‘ nings of many; but the Malice and blind
 ‘ Zeal of some went further. For hadst thou
 ‘ went to my Friend *H—* to-Bed, or elsewhere
 ‘ towards that Part of the Town, which I be-
 ‘ lieve was expected, there were ten or twelve
 ‘ Men lying in wait to do thee a private Mis-
 ‘ chief, which I know by the Testimony of one
 ‘ of those very Men, who boasted to me, *We*
 ‘ *would have given him a secret Blow, and pre-*
 ‘ *vented his making Disturbances.* This Con-
 ‘ fession came out to me in the Warmth of his
 ‘ Zeal, as thinking, perhaps, that I could hate,
 ‘ at least, if not destroy (like him) all that were
 ‘ not of my own Party.

‘ O thy noble Testimony against the Pro-
 ‘ phaneness and Vanity of the Age. It rejoiced
 ‘ me not a little. But when thou camest to the
 ‘ Necessity, the Nature and the Rewards of the
 ‘ *New birth*, the true Seed, thou wert carried
 ‘ beyond thyself, the Fountain of Life was
 ‘ opened, and flowed around amongst the Living
 ‘ —I am for one a Monument of free Grace

‘ and Mercy.—O GOD, how boundless is thy
 ‘ Love! He hath not hid his Mercies from me.
 ‘ I have often drank of the spiritual Rock, and
 ‘ been a Witness of the Joys of GOD’s Salva-
 ‘ tion. Ay, those Joys, that sweet Presence of
 ‘ Christ, that carries Men above the Fear of
 ‘ the World, and enables them to overcome the
 ‘ World; that baptizeth into the Spirit and
 ‘ Nature of the Son of GOD, and maketh
 ‘ Disciples indeed.—It is a sense of GOD ever-
 ‘ near, and the Influences of his quickening Spirit,
 ‘ that is only able to deter from Evil, crucify
 ‘ the old Nature, create again to GOD, and
 ‘ perform his good and acceptable Will.—This
 ‘ will make a thorough *Reformation*, beginning
 ‘ at the Heart, sanctifying that, guarding of
 ‘ it, and making it a holy Temple for the
 ‘ holy Spirit to dwell in, then producing holy
 ‘ Thoughts, Longings after divine Enjoyments,
 ‘ Love, Joy, Solidity, Watchfulness, &c.

‘ But, why this to thee? Thou hast drunk
 ‘ deep of divine Love; only I know that the
 ‘ good Experiences of GOD’s Children are often
 ‘ Causes of mutual Comfort. I have often been
 ‘ sensible of it myself; and therefore not only
 ‘ thus privately, but publickly have I been strength-
 ‘ ened to tell to others, that GOD is good, and
 ‘ that he has done great things for my Soul. Mi-
 ‘ nisters not thus qualified, and thus sent, may
 ‘ indeed be Ministers of those who sent them,
 ‘ but Ministers of *Christ* they cannot be.

‘ May we, my dear Friend, tho’ absent in
 ‘ Body, be present in Spirit in him who is om-
 ‘ nipresent. May we unitedly go on in the
 ‘ Cause of our common Lord and Master, to
 ‘ promote his Honour in winning Souls to him!
 ‘ May we bear a faithful and undaunted Testi-

• mony to him before all Men in the Midst of a
 • perverse Generation. May we not finch, but
 • declare the Truth as it is in *Jesus*, not daubing
 • nor daring to make the Way to the Kingdom
 • of GOD wider than it is. And may we finally
 • be received up into the Mansions of Glory,
 • there to live with all the righteous Genera-
 • tions, with those that have washed their Gar-
 • ments white in the Blood of the Lamb, and
 • that have laid down their Lives for the Testi-
 • mony of *Jesus*, and to sing with them Halle-
 • lujahs, Glory and Praise, for ever and ever.—
 • May the Ancient of Days, the Alpha and
 • Omega, keep thee in his Arms, direct thee by
 • his Spirit, support, comfort, and watch over
 • thee, is the fervent Prayer of, my dear Friend,
 • thine in great Sincerity.

My Friend, Mr. *William Seward*, received
 also a Letter from his Brother, in which were the
 following Paragraphs:—

• I had a Letter *per* last Post from Mr. ———
 • wherein he speaks of one Mr. ——— of *Corpus*
 • *Christi Cleri*, whom his Uncle, a Clergy-
 • man, hath intirely di'carded, and wrote to the
 • College to expel him for his methodistical No-
 • tions.

• The old Clerk at *Breferton*, whom I before
 • spoke of, having heard Mr. *Whitefield* at *Bad-*
 • *sey*, was so affected, that he told me he could
 • have no Rest in his Spirit; but after searching
 • the *Church Homilies, Articles, &c.* and finding
 • the Doctrine every Way agreeable to them, he
 • met with the Landlord of *Contercup*, who dis-
 • coursing about Mr. *Whitefield*, told him, he
 • had

' had some old Books that set forth the very same
 ' Doctrines. Soon after this he went to work,
 ' being a Taylor by Trade, and asking for one
 ' of these Books, the others being lent out, he
 ' said he had not read above a Page or two, be-
 ' fore the Truth broke in upon his Soul like
 ' Lightning. He said he could not go on with
 ' his Work with any Satisfaction, but his Fingers
 ' itched to be at his Book again, which the
 ' Man lent him Home with him; a few Days
 ' after he got the other, which so strengthen'd
 ' and confirmed him, that he could lay his Life
 ' down in Defence of the Truth as it is in JE-
 ' sus's. He says, the Gospel appears to him as
 ' though he had never read a Line in it before;
 ' and it is a greater Miracle to him, that he, an
 ' old Sinner, with one Foot in the Grave should
 ' be called at these Years, than if he had seen
 ' the Dead raised.—He always, by what I can
 ' learn, bore a fair Character, and was esteem'd
 ' by his Neighbours, but now threaten'd with
 ' the Loss of his Bread, for coming to *Badsey*
 ' Society, and declaring his Testimony to the
 ' Truth of Mr. *Whitefield's* Doctrine, or rather,
 ' I should say, the Doctrine of the Gospel. The
 ' Books he met with are very old, and, he says,
 ' were thrown by as waste Paper out of a Clergy-
 ' man's Library, that was sold after his Death,
 ' whereby the *Contercup* Man met with them,
 ' and they seem'd very providentially reserved
 ' for his Use.'

Persons wonder at me, because I talk of Per-
 secution, now the World is become Christian;
 but alas! was JESUS CHRIST to come down
 from Heaven at this Time, he would be treated

as formerly. And whoever goes forth to preach the Gospel in his Spirit, must expect the same Treatment as his first Apostles met with.—*Lord, prepare us for all Events!*—Preached this Evening at *Hackney-Marsh* to about 2000 People—I prayed and discoursed for above two Hours.—Floods of Tears were shed by the Hearers, and the Doctrine seemed to make its own Way into their Hearts.—Every Day have I more and more Reason to rejoice in what God has done and is doing for precious Souls. At the great Day, Pharisees themselves will know.—*But, Lord, grant th: Veil may be taken from their Hearts, and the Scales from their Eyes, before that dreadful Time! For th:n Convictions will come too late.*

Tuesday, July 24. Dispatched my private Affairs, and preached in the Evening at *Kennington-Common* to about 15,000. The Doctrine, I believe, distilled like the Dew.—*May the Lord Jesus water their thirsty Souls!*

Wednesday, July 25. Preached this Evening at *Edmonton*, at the Desire of many. The Congregation was large and attentive, and I rejoiced in having an Opportunity of offering Salvation freely to the Rich.—*Oh, that all in high Stations were rich towards God!*

Thursday, July 26. Preached to upwards of 10,000 at *Hackney-Marsh*, where I appointed purposely to preach, because there was to be an Horse-Race in the same Field. Very few left the Sermon to see the Race, and some of those returned back again quickly, to whom I took Occasion of speaking with, I trust, something of the Love and Gentleness of CHRIST.—*To him be all the Glory. Prosper, O Lord, the Gospel-Plow!*

Friday,

Friday, July 27. Preached at *Kennington-Common* to my usual Number of Hearers, went to *Lewisham*, was kindly entertained by Mr. ——— and lay at the House of Mr. ——— both which received me and my Friends with Joy.—*Blessed be God for all his Mercies.*

Saturday, July 28. Spent a comfortable Hour with my Friends in the Morning, went to pay a Visit to the Family of Justice D——— at *Blendon*, where we exhorted and built up each other in the Knowledge and Fear of God.—Preached at *Blackheath* in the Evening, and came Home rejoicing.—The Bills sent and put up plainly prove, that God has worked on Numbers of Souls.—*At the Judgment Day we shall see what Good has been done by this Foolishness of preaching.*—Many, I believe, come now into the *Fields* to worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth. *He seeketh such to worship him.*

Sunday, July 29. Preached this Morning in *Moorfields* to a much larger Congregation than we had last *Sunday*, and collected 24 *l.* 9 *s.* for the School at *Kingswood*. Received the Sacrament at *St. Paul's*, and preached at *Kennington-Common* in the Evening, where 20 *l.* was collected. A little Rain fell; but that only washed away the curious Hearers.—Many thousands stood their Ground; and God, I believe, watered them with the Dew of his Heavenly Blessing.—A visible Alteration for the better is made in the People's Behaviour daily, and it would be endless to recount how many come after preaching under strong Convictions of their lost Estate.—*O God, who hast begun, carry on the good Work in their Souls;—even so, Lord Jesus!*

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Monday, July 30. Was busied all the Morning in directing those *to believe in Jesus Christ*, who came to enquire, *What they should do to be saved?* Preached at *Plaistow*, about six Miles from *London*, and an uncommon Power was in the Congregation.—My own Heart was much enlarged, and I returned Home much rejoiced within myself that the Lord JESUS was pleased still to manifest himself more and more amongst us.

Tuesday, July 31. Preached at *Newington* near *Hackney*, to about 20,000 People, many of whose Hearts, as well as my own, were warmed under the Word.—I preached upon *Genesis iii. 15.* *May the Seed of the Woman now bruise the Serpent's Head to some Purpose!—Amen, Lord Jesus, Amen!*

Wednesday, August 1. Preached this Evening at *Mary le Bone Fields*, at the other End of the Town, to near 20,000, and went afterwards to take my Leave of *Fetter-lane* Society.—We parted in Love, and I hope the next Time we meet, we shall be in or at least nearer Heaven.—*Oh that we may comfort one another with the Prospect of this Thing!*

Thursday, Aug. 2. Preached at *Newington* to upwards of 20,000 People, and came Home much rejoicing to see what GOD has done in and about this City.—Thousands and thousands come constantly to hear, and Scoffers are frequently overpowered by GOD's Word.—I hope the Time is coming which the Prophet speaks off, *B. h. 11, you Despisers, and wonder, and perish; for I will work a Work in yur Days, which you shall in no-wise believe, though a Man declare it unto you.*

Friday,

Friday, Aug. 3. Having spent the Day in completing my Affairs, and taking Leave of my dear Friends, I preached in the Evening to near twenty thousand at *Kennington-Common*. I chose to discourse on *St. Paul's Parting-Speech to the Elders at Ephesus, Acts xx.* at which the People were exceedingly affected, and almost prevented my making any Application. Many Tears were shed, when I talked of leaving them. I concluded all with a suitable Hymn, but could scarce get to the Coach, for the People's thronging me, to take me by the Hand, and give me a parting Blessing.—And here I cannot but shut up this Part of my Journal with a Word or two of Exhortation to my dear Fellow-Labourers, whosoever they are, whom God shall stir up to go forth into the Highways and Hedges, into the Lanes and Streets, to compel poor Sinners to come in.—Great Things GOD has already done—For it is unknown how many have come to me under strong Convictions of their fallen Estate, desiring to be awakened to a Sense of Sin, and giving Thanks for the Benefits GOD has imparted to them by the Ministry of his Word.—O my dear Brethren, have Compassion on our dear LORD's Church, which he has purchased with his own Blood; and let them not perish for Lack of Knowledge.—If you are found faithful, you must undergo Persecution. Oh arm People against a Suffering Time,—remind them again and again, that our Kingdom is not of this World, and that it does not become Christians to resist the Powers that are ordained of GOD, but patiently to suffer for the Truth's Sake—Oh let us strive together in our Prayers, that we may fight the Good Fight of Faith, that we may have that Wisdom
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which cometh from above, and that we may never suffer for our own Faults, but only for Righteousness Sake—Then will the Spirit of *Christ* and of Glory rest upon our Souls, and being made perfect by suffering here, we shall be qualified to reign eternally with *Jesus Christ* hereafter. *Amen, Amen!*

*Eternal Universal LORD,
 Maker of Heav'n and Earth art Thou,
 All Things sprang forth t'obey thy Word,
 Thy pow'rful Word upholds them now.*

*Why then with unavailing Rage,
 Did Heathen with thy People join,
 And impotently fierce engage,
 To execute their vain Design ?*

*Indignant Kings stood up t'oppose,
 The LORD, and his Messiah's Reign,
 And Earth's confederate Rulers rose,
 Against their GOD in Council vain.*

*Surely against thy Holy Son,
 (Son of thy Love and sent by Thee,
 One with th'ancienting Spirit, One,
 With thy co-equal Majesty)*

*Herod and Pilate both combin'd,
 Thy Sov'reign Purpose to fulfil,
 Gentiles and Jews unconscious join'd,
 T'accomplish thy Eternal Will.*

*And now their idle Fury view,
 And now behold their Threatnings, LORD,
 Behold thy feeble Servants too,
 And strengthen them to speak thy Word.*

*Embolden'd by thine outstretch'd Arm,
 Fill us with Confidence Divine,
 With Heav'nly Zeal our Bosom warm,
 That all may own the Work is Thine.*

*May see the Tokens of thy Hand,
 Its Sov'reign Grace, its healing Pow'r,
 No more their Happiness withstand,
 And fight against their GOD no more.*

*Now let their Opposition cease,
 Now let them catch the quick'ning Flame,
 And forc'd to yield, the Signs increase,
 The Wonders wrought by JESU's Name.*

A
CONTINUATION

Of the REVEREND

Mr. *WHITEFIELD*'s

JOURNAL,

FROM

His Second Embarkation to AMERICA,
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thence to GEORGIA, *Jan.* 1739-40.

To the REVEREND

Mr. *GEORGE WHITEFIELD*.

I.

Servant of GOD the Summons hear,
 Thy Master calls, arise, obey!
 The Tokens of his Will appear,
 His Providence points out thy Way.

II.

Lo! we commend thee to his Grace!
 In Confidence go forth! be strong!
 Thy Meat his Will, thy Boast his Praise,
 His Righteousness be all thy Song.

III.

Strong in the Lord's Almighty Power,
 And arm'd in Panoply Divine,
 Firm may'st thou stand in Danger's Hour,
 And prove the Strength of JESUS Thine.

IV.

Thy Breast-plate be his Righteousness,
 His sacred Truth thy Loins surround;
 Shod be thy beauteous Feet with Peace,
 Spring forth, and spread the Gospel Sound.

V.

Fight the good Fight, and stand secure
 In Faith's impenetrable Shield;
 Hell's Prince shall tremble at its Power,
 With all his fiery Darts repell'd.

VI.

VI.

Prevent thy Foes, nor wait their Charge,
 But call their ling'ring Battle on,
 But strongly grasp thy Sevenfold Targe,
 And bear the World, and *Satan* down.

VII.

The Helmet of Salvation take,
 The Lord's, the Spirit's conqu'ring Sword,
 Speak from the Word—In Lightning speak,
 Cry out, and thunder—from the Word.

VIII.

Champion of GOD, thy LORD proclaim,
 JESUS alone resolve to know;
 Tread down thy Foes in JESU's Name:
 Go—conqu'ring, and to conquer go.

IX.

Thro' Racks and Fires pursue thy Way,
 Be mindful of a dying GOD;
 Finish thy Course, and win the Day:
 Look up—And deal the Truth with Blood.

CHARLES WESLEY.

A
C O N T I N U A T I O N
O F

Mr. *WHITEFIELD*'s
J O U R N A L, &c.

Lewisham, Deptford, and Blendon.

Saturday, August 4. Lay last Night at the House of Mrs. S——. Went in the Morning to *Deptford*; prayed, sung Psalms, and gave a Word of Exhortation at two or three Houses. Returned to dine with Mrs. S——. Expounded to a Roomful of People; preached at *Blackheath* to about 10000; and went to *Blendon*, to the great Comfort and rejoicing of my Soul, and lay there. *Oh that my Mouth may be ever filled with the divine Praise!*

Blendon, Bexly, and Blackheath.

Sunday, Aug. 5. Rose much enlighten'd and refresh'd inwardly. — Expounded, prayed, and sung Psalms at Mr. D——'s Door, with many that came last Night from *London*. — Read Prayers, and assisted in administering the Sa-
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crament to several hundred Communicants at *Bexley Church*.—Preached in the Afternoon to about 1500 in Justice D——'s Yard.—And again in the Evening to about 20000 at *Blackheath*.—It rained, but few were driven away by it.—Great Power came from above.—*Ob that we may all grow in Grace, and in the Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST!*

Blendon and Chatham.

Monday, Aug. 6. Spent the former Part of the Day most agreeably at *Blendon*; and preached in the Evening at *Chatham*, about 18 Miles from thence, to near 10000 People.—I never observed more Decency and Order in any Place at my first preaching, than at that.—Had a Conference after Sermon with one, who I fear, with some others, maintained *Antinomian* Principles.—From such may all that know them turn away! For though, (to use the Words of our Church Article) *Good Works, which are the Fruits of Faith, cannot put away our Sins, or enaure the Severity of God's Judgment, (that is, cannot justify us) yet they follow after Justification, and do spring out necessarily of a true and lively Faith, inasmuch that by them a lively Faith may be as evidently known as a Tree discerned by the Fruit.*

Chatham, Blendon, Blackheath, and Lewisham.

Tuesday, Aug. 7: Left *Chatham* early this Morning. Dined at *Blendon*, and preached in the Evening at *Blackheath*.—It rained very much the whole

whole Day.—We expected but little Company : However, there were about 2000.—I discoursed on the Conversion of *Zaccheus* the Publican.—And I hope there was Joy in Heaven over some of the Hearers repenting.—They received the Word as the thirsty Ground receives the former and the latter Rain.—I know not when I have been more delighted.—*Lord, in doing thy Commandments there is great Reward.*

Lewisham, Deptford, and Blackbeath.

*Wednesday, August 8. Lay at Lewisham.—*Went on board the Ship fallen down to *Deptford*, which we now hallowed by the Word of God and by Prayer.—Dined at Mr. *W*—'s of *Lewisham*, and preached at *Blackbeath* to near 20000 People, on the *Pharisee* and the *Publican*.—I felt much Freedom in myself, and could not but take notice of a great Mistake his Lordship of *London* was guilty of, in a Pastoral Letter published this Day.—For in it he exhorts his Clergy, SO to explain the Doctrine of Justification by Faith *alone*, as to make our Good Works a *necessary Condition* of it.—St. *Paul* in his Epistle to the *Galatians* pronounces a dreadful *Anath ma* against those who join Faith and Works together in order to their being justified in the Sight of God.—*I pray God that all Preachers may be freed from so tremendous a Sentence! And let ALL the People say, Amen.*

On board Ship, *Lewisham* and *Blackbeath.*

Thursday, Aug. 9. Went this Morning and continued on board till Afternoon, settling my
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little Family.—Dined at *Lewislam*. Preached at *Blackbeath* to a very large Congregation.—Took a little Refreshment, and went and lay on board, in order to be ready to finish my Affairs in the Morning.—Several Companies of Friends came to see me, and some continued with me all Night.—In answer to their Prayers, I doubt not but we shall be as safe as *Noah* was in the Ark. Every Place is alike to those who have the Presence of God with them.

*Heav'n is, dear Lord, where'er thou art,
 O never then from me depart;
 For to my Soul 'tis Hell to be
 But for one Moment void of thee.*

Lewislam, Blackbeath, and Blendon.

Friday, Aug. 10. Finished my Ship Business.—Breakfasted at *Lewislam*.—Spent the rest of the Day most comfortably at *Blendon*.—And preached in the Evening to a yet greater Congregation than ever at *Black'cath*.—The People expecting it would be the last Time, were much affected with Sorrow; but a great Rejoicing was discoverable among them, when I told them of my continuing to preach till *Monday*.—Surely God has made himself a willing People in the Day of his Power.—*O all ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord, praise him and magnify him for ever.*

Blendon and Blackbeath.

Saturday, August 11. Egan in the Spirit of Love and Meekness to answer the Bishop of *London's*

don's Pastoral Letter. — I pray God give it his Blessing. — Continued all Day at *Blendon*. — Preached in the Evening at *Blackbeath*, and returned to *Blendon* with an earnest Longing in my Soul for the approaching Sabbath. — O how do I long for that Rest which awaits the Children of God! *Lord, give me Patience to wait till my Change come.*

Blendon, Bexly, Blackbeath, and Lewisham.

Sunday, Aug. 12. Preached early in the Morning to some hundreds in Justice D — —'s Yard, most of whom came thither last Night, singing and praising God. — Read Prayers, heard a *truly Christian Sermon* from Mr. *Par*, and assisted him in administering the blessed Sacrament at his own Church to near 600 Communicants. — Preached at three in the Afternoon to near 3000 in Mr. D — —'s Yard, and to about 20000 at *Blackbeath*. — At each Place the People were exceedingly affected. — Much Devotion and Reverence was to be seen during the Time of the Administration of the Holy Eucharist. — And in the Afternoon at *Blackbeath*, when I said, *Finally, Brethren, Farewell!* Thousands immediately burst out into strong Cryings and Tears! — A Sight, I think, sufficient to have melted down the most hardened Heart. — My own was so full that I did not know when to leave off. — I continued my Discourse till it was near dark; and collected near 15 *l.* for *Kingsford School*. — And with great Difficulty got away in a Coach to *Lewisham*, where an hospitable Entertainment was prepared for me and my Friends. — Their

Company was sweet to my Soul, but my Body being weak, and God being pleased to visit me with some inward Trials, I retired to Bed with a deeper Sense of my own Vileness, than I have felt for some Time.—*Lord, encrease it for thy Mercy's Sake!*

Monday, August 13. Rose early, and hasted to *Blendon*.—Finished, and sent to the Press, my Answer to His Lordship's Pastoral Letter.—Dined and took Leave of my dear weeping Friends.—Rode with many of them to *Erish*; took my final and sorrowful Farewel, and went from thence in a Boat with my dear Fellow-Travellers to *Gravesend*, where our Ship was fallen down.—In the Way I was much edified by reading an Extract out of Bishop *Hopkins's*, and Dr. *Hammond's* Sermons on the Doctrine of the New Birth, and thought it my Duty to recommend them publickly to all my Friends. *Blessed be God for detaining me in England by the Embargo.—Many others, as well as myself, I hope, have Reason to rejoice thereat.—Lord, teach me in all Things simply to comply with thy Will, without presuming to say, even in my Heart, What doest Thou?*

*My Bondage of Corruption break,
For this my Spirit groans;
Thy only Will I fain would seek,
O save me from my own!*

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*On Board the Elizabeth, Capt. Stevenfon
Commander, bound from England to Phi-
ladelphia.*

Tuesday, 14. Got on board about Eight last Night, and received the following Letter from *Thomas W—*, Clerk of the Parish of *Bretforton, Worcestershire*, whom Mr. *Benjamin Seward* mentioned in a Letter published in my last Journal.

Reverend and worthy Sir,

‘ Altho’ I am unknown to you in Person,
‘ yet as I trust I am, by the Grace of God,
‘ awakened to a New and spiritual Life, thro’
‘ the Powerful Influence of your Ministry, I
‘ think myself under an Obligation to give my
‘ Testimony to the Truth as it is in Jesus; and
‘ to pay my grateful Acknowledgments to the
‘ Freedom of that divine Grace, which has
‘ made you so wonderfully instrumental in call-
‘ ing me, a most unworthy Sinner, at this last
‘ Hour of the Day, from a State of Darknes
‘ and Insensibility, to the marvellous Light of
‘ his glorious Gospel.—The Circumstances of
‘ my Conversion were as follows.—I heard you
‘ was to preach on *Thursday* the 19th of *April*
‘ last, at Mr. *Seward’s* of *Badsey*; and living
‘ at *Bretforton*, a Village about a Mile from
‘ thence (where I have been Clerk of the Parish
‘ for about thirty Years, being now in the sixty-
‘ third Year of my Age) my Curiosity, as I then
‘ should have termed it, but as it is since evi-
‘ dent by the Consequence, the wonderful Good-

' *ness and Providence of Almighty GOD*, led me
 ' to hear you, which I did with great Attention,
 ' and was much affected. The next Day, being
 ' *Good Friday*, I attended your Ministry again
 ' with great Warmth, when you spoke with such
 ' Demonstration of the Spirit, and with Power,
 ' from these Words, *What I say unto you I say*
 ' *unto all, Watch*, that I soon was convinced I
 ' was in the State of the Foolish Virgins, who
 ' were unprepared to meet the Bridegroom,
 ' having all my Life long taken up with a Lamp
 ' of an outward Profession; thinking it suffi-
 ' cient that I duly and constantly attended the
 ' publick Worship, Sacraments, and the like;
 ' but I soon found, to my great Confusion, that
 ' I had all my Life long been offering to GOD
 ' the Sacrifice of Fools, being destitute of the
 ' pure Oil of Grace in the Heart, which alone
 ' could make me meet to attend the Marriage
 ' Supper of the Lamb.—The New Birth, Justi-
 ' fication by Faith only, the Want of Free-
 ' Will in Man to do good Works, without the
 ' special Grace of GOD, and the like, was as
 ' it were new Language to me; for tho' I re-
 ' membered the Letter of these Doctrines, yet
 ' the spiritual Sense thereof I was an utter
 ' Stranger to.—But being very much oppress'd
 ' in Thought concerning those important Truths
 ' which you delivered, as soon as I returned
 ' Home, I searched an old Exposition of the
 ' Catechism, the Church Articles, and Book
 ' of Homiles, which I found exactly to corres-
 ' pond with what I had heard delivered by you.
 ' —Some Days after this, being a Taylor by
 ' Trade, I was sent for to Work at a little
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