

the 30th of September, 1681. where he died, and not in *Suffex*; and for what he professed as to Religion, he had it not to seek many years before he was Prisoner: Job 13. 4. *But ye are Forgers of Lyes, ye are all Physicians of no value. Psal. 58. 3. The wicked are estranged from the womb, they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies. Psal. 109. 2. For the Mouth of the wicked, and the Mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a Lying Tongue. Jer. 7. 8. Behold, ye trust in lying words that cannot profit. Jonah 2. 8. They that observe lying vanities, forsake their own Mercy.*

An Abstract of several Letters from William Penn Proprietary of Pennsylvania, to P. F. &c. Dated at Upland, Nov. 1. and from West-River, Decemb. 16, Maryland, 1682.

That of November 1. 1682. signifying his safe Arrival, and that day six weeks they lost sight of Land in *England*, they saw it in *America*: and being about twelve Leagues off from the Coast, the Air smell'd as sweet as a Garden new blown. As they sail'd up the River they received Visits and Invitations from the Inhabitants, the People being joyful to see him, both *Dutch*, *Swedes* and *English* coming up to *New-Castle*, they received and entertained him with great expressions of joy, after their sort.

Next day after his Arrival, he had the People summon'd together to the Court-house at *New-Castle*, where possession was legally given him; and after that he made a Speech to the old Magistrates, and the People, signifying to them the End of his coming, the Nature and End of Government, and that especially he came to Establish, assuring them of their Spiritual and Temporal Rights, Liberty of Conscience and Civil Freedoms: All he pray'd, expected or required, was Sobriety and loving Neighbour-hood; then he renewed their Commissions and so left them. He went from thence to a place called *Upland*, where he called an Assembly, and gave them as ample satisfaction as at *New-Castle*, so they Signed an Acknowledgment, and were very Joyful: the *Swedes* sent one Captain *Lacy Cook* to acquaint him, *They would Serve, Love and Obey him with all they had, and that it was the best Day they ever saw.*

The City of *Philadelphia* is laid out and begun, and many pretty Houses are run up of late upon the River and backwards, that do very well. An House for *W. Penn* is a Building, whose Family that went with him, are all come safe; and Entertainment for all, beyond expectation, and to their content. The Air is ex-

ceeding clear and sweet, the Food good and plentiful, and as pleasing as one can eat. There is also good Malt Drink: In fine, the Country is without exception. At *New-Castle* the *Dutch* have their Food much as in *Holland*, and have curious Sallating, &c. Excellent Bread, both of Wheat and Maslin, *English* Grain.

The *Indians* they saw, the Men were strong and Tall, the Women comely, as some *Gipsies* are in *England*; the Children very pretty; they all wear some Clothes, and some of them wear Broggs.

From *West-River, Maryland, Decemb. 1682.* he writes that an Assembly was held at *Chester*, alias *Upland*, where *New-Castle* was annex'd to *Pensilvania*: The Forraigners were Naturaliz'd, and all the Laws past that were agreed upon in *England*, and more fully worded. The Assembly-men were there to their great satisfaction, and such an Assembly for Love, Unity and Concord, scarcely ever was known in and about outward things in those Parts.

This done they Adjourn'd; and *W. Penn* took his Journey for *Mary-land*, where he was kindly received by the Lord *Baltimore*, and the Chief in his Province: They Treated at one Col. *Taylor*s, about settling the bounds between their Provinces: And a solid Conference they had, preparatory to a future Conclusion, the season permitting no long Essays or Treaties. They Civilly parted after two Days Conference.

The day following the Lord *Baltimore* accompanied him to *W. Richardson*s, which was a miles, and then returned: They went two miles farther, to one *Tho. Hooker*s, to a Meeting, where the presence of the great God was enjoyed with them.

The First day following he intended to be at *Choptank* on the Eastern Shore; where the Colonels, Magistrates and People of several Ranks and Qualities purpos'd to be.

There are several other reports I have been Inquisitive to find out the Authors of, and I find them all arise from the same ground with the before mentioned.

I hope therefore this short Scrutiny and Abstracts, will satisfie those, who are not willing to believe Lyes, that *William Penn* is not a dead Jesuit, and in time I doubt not but their Folly will Correct them that imagine him a live one, and also caution others to be careful how they Report things upon Hear-say, to the Defamation of the Innocent. Published in Sincerity by him who is a Lover of Truth, but a hater of Falshood, and an abhorrer of those that say, Report, and we will Report it.

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Month, 1683.

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