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to Hannah Bowne in London

Date: 18th day of 5th month, 1676.

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Note on dates: Early Quakers used the numbers, not the names, of the months and days of the week. Prior to 1752, English people mostly used the Julian ("Old Style") calendar, which was 10 days behind the modern ("New Style") calendar and began the New Year on March 25th.

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deare heart

my dearely bloved mother o how doth my love flow unto thee deare h^eart for indeed thou art very deare too me; all though we are fare seprated as outwardly¹ yet we are neere one unto another in that which nether see nor land can sepperat, and I belive as we in this unchang= able truth abide we shall be kept nere and deare one unto another and i believe the lord in his owne time will bring ous together again with joye and dear hart i believe that the lord will cary us throw all that he calls us unto to the hunnor of his blessed name; all though i am but one of the lest amongst the pople of the lord yet i have experenced the great loving kindness of the lord, he ^{will not} forgete theme that put there trust in him for his care is over them and he will cover their hedes in the day of troble oh that we may forever abide in the feear of the lord where seafy is knone and dear hart as touching our seuels I desier we may and hope we shall order all thinges so that the truth may not be dishunnored by ous, and I dsier thee to rember my love to deare g.f.² & John bonnyet³ if thou sees them & other frendnes so with my dear love to thee, I rest thy loving daughter

Elizabeth Bowne

this 18th of ye 5: mo
1676

¹ Hannah Bowne had been traveling abroad for over a year on a religious visit and preaching tour

² George Fox, founder of the Quaker faith

³ John Burnyeat: Irish Quaker, itinerant preacher and pamphleteer