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Letter, Thomas Evernden to John and Hannah Bowne and others, no date

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dear frends John And hana bound {*Bowne*} Mary [...] Sam: & hestar Spicer¹
dear frends My love in y^e lord Reacheth to you all who hath loved us in Christ Jesus
And hath quickened us and Raised us from death to life and douth Atone us by his
presious Life y^t wee may grow And Inward dayly in y^e same over death &
darkness And y^e workes thearof And soo be witnesses for y^e lord in his patience
And Righteous life in y^e world Amongst A Crooked parvarse generation
I say in this love douth my soule Reach to you And in it doe I salute you
And shall be glad as y^e lord Makes way for Mee to see you that wee may be
Refreshed And Cumforted in y^e lord who in this day of his grat love to all
The faithfull inharite & becume as a place of broad Rivers the streames
whearof Reines & Refreshes our harts: strengthens And Makes bould
for his Nam And truth And beare up our heads in all our Afliktions
And Conducts us in our travell And pilgrimage in this world and brings
us nearar & near to Acquaintance with him selfe in whose presence thear is
Life: whoo is our only Joy And glorying to whom be glory And honour for
Ever Amen—I have by Lidea wright² sent an Episell {Epistle} to be Read in
yo^r meeting amongst frends who [...] har Cuming {her coming} in [MS torn] those parts
of y^e world hath behaved harselve as becumes the gospell & frends I underst[] comforted
In har and shee hath bene of good servis in her travels: truth prospers
In this Cuntry although satan workes to hinder for A particular Account of
Matere I Refer you to Lidia when shee Cumes by whom I send this I
Am not Clear of this Cuntry as yet In y^e Lords time I hop to see you
who Am yo^r faithfull frend And brother in y^e testemony of joyous
[MS torn] Tho Evernden³

¹ *Sam: & hestar Spicer*: Samuel (c. 1627-1700) and Hester (Esther) Tilton Spicer (1647-1703) of Gravesend and Oyster Bay, Long Island. Samuel was jailed for harboring New Netherland's first Quakers. Their burial place is Old Newton Friends Burial Ground, NJ.

² Lidia Wright: (1655-1713) was the youngest of the three activist Wright sisters of Oyster Bay. She married Isaac Horner (1648-1708) in March 1684 indicating that she carried this sermon before that date.

³ *Tho Evernden*: Thomas Evernden (1629-1710) prominent Maryland Quaker active in the Third Haven Monthly Meeting was born in Canterbury, England and died in Maryland in 1710.

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Tom: [Everdens]

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