

the best use of them ; and at other times, I gave them to the negroes myself, as the way looked clearest to me : as I expected this before I came out, I had provided a large number of small pieces ; and thus offering them to some who appeared to be wealthy people, was a trial both to me and them : but the fear of the Lord so covered me at times, that my way was made easier than I expected ; and few, if any, manifested any resentment at the offer, and most of them, after some talk, accepted of them.

The seventh day of the fifth month, in the year 1757, lodged at a friend's house ; and the next day, being the first of the week, was at Potapscow meeting ; then crossed Patuxent river, and lodged at a publick-house.

On the ninth breakfasted at a friend's house ; who afterward, putting us a little on our way, I had conversation with him, in the fear of the Lord, concerning his slaves ; in which my heart was tender, and I used much plainness of speech with him, which he appeared to take kindly. We pursued our journey without appointing meetings, being pressed in my mind to be at the yearly-meeting in Virginia ; and in my travelling on the road, I often felt a cry rise from the center of my mind, thus : O Lord, I am a stranger on the earth, hide not thy face from me. On the eleventh day of the fifth month, we crossed the rivers Patowmack and Rapahannock, and lodged at Port-Royal : and on the way we happening in company with a colonel