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Considerations on the payment of a tax, laid for carrying on the war against the Indians—Some notes on Thomas à Kempis and John Huss—Meetings of the committee of the yearly-meeting at Philadelphia—The present circumstances of friends in Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, very different from those of our predecessors—The draughting of the militia in New-Jersey to serve in the army; with some observations on the state of the members of our society at that time—His visit to friends in Pennsylvania, accompanied by Benjamin Jones—Proceedings at the monthly, quarterly and yearly meetings, in Philadelphia, respecting those who keep slaves.

A FEW years past, money being made current in our province for carrying on wars, and to be called in again by taxes laid on the inhabitants, my mind was often affected with the thoughts of paying such taxes; and I believe it right for me to preserve a memorandum concerning it: I was told, that friends in England frequently paid taxes, when the money was applied to such purposes: I had conversation with several noted friends on the subject, who all favoured the payment of such taxes; some of whom I preferred before myself, and this made me easier for a time; yet there was in the deeps
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