

to live conformable to customs, which stand in that spirit wherein men have regard to the honours of this world—that in the pursuit of these things, I had seen many entangled in the spirit of oppression; and the exercise of my soul had been such, that I could not find peace, in joining in any thing which I saw was against that wisdom which is pure.

After this, I agreed for a passage in the steerage; and hearing in town that Joseph White had a desire to see me, I felt the reviving of a desire to see him, and went then to his house, and next day home; where I tarried two nights: and then early in the morning, I parted with my family, under a sense of the humbling hand of God upon me; and going to Philadelphia, had opportunity with several of my beloved friends; who appeared to be concerned for me, on account of the unpleasant situation of that part of the vessel, where I was likely to lodge.

In these opportunities, my mind, through the mercies of the Lord, was kept low, in an inward waiting for his help; and friends having expressed their desire, that I might have a place more convenient than the steerage, did not urge, but appeared disposed to leave me to the Lord.

Having stayed two nights in Philadelphia, I went the next day to Derby monthly-meeting; where, through the strength of divine  
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