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John Hugh, who Departed May 22^d 1772 has Dictated the
following, concerning his Life

I was born at Frestrup in the Parish of Pembrokehire Feb^{ry} 6th 1744, & lived with my Parents till I was 7 years of Age; about this time B^r Lennick came into this Country & Preached the Gospel, my Mother who went frequently to hear him, took me with her which I liked. When a Childrens Meeting was begun, I had the Grace to be one of them who attended it, which proved a blessing to me, for there I got the first Impression of our Sav^{rs} Love. Esq^r Roach of Clarison being a lover of the Gospel & a friend of Children, he settled a School, to which I also was taken; but I having no Genius for learning, did not bring it far, yet by frequent hearing the Verses out of the little Hymn Book which he had bought for the Children, I learned many of them by heart, & delighted in singing them. Our Master who was a very good Man, used to sing Verses before & after Meals, of which the following made a particular Impression upon me: We thank the Lord for this our Food; but more for Jesus Flesh & Blood, the Manna to the Spirit giv'n, the living Bread sent down from Heav'n. At Nights our Master used to kneel down with us, & oftens pray'd very heartily that our Sav^r might preserve us from every bad thing, & lead us in the way to everlasting Life. We Children kept also Meetings among ourselves & when we went into the Fields, we sometimes kneel'd down under the Hedges & pray'd to our Sav^r in a Childlike simple manner. When I was about 12 years of age I went to Service, where I had it very hard, nor did

I get enough to eat. After 2 Years I went to another place, where I had it better in outward respects, but was much exposed to bad and hurtful company, so that I lost those good Impressions which I had as a Child, & a Desire for the World & its Vanity took place in me. When I was about 19 Years old, one of my former Masters wanted me to enter again into his Service, with whom I also agreed, & as I learn'd afterwards, a Scheme was laid, that if I had come there, I very likely should have settled & been entirely lost in the things of this World; but before the time came quite on, I went to see my Mother & Sister, who perswaded me to go & work as a Mason on the Fortification, which was then to be build, tho' I never had been employ'd as a Mason before, but I got Tools & went, & the Lord to whom I pray'd, helped me, so that I could go on with the work, & thereby all Dangers, which awaited me, if I had gone again to Service, were prevented. Living now with my Mother, she asked me to go with her to divine Service, which I did, as I had no partiular Choise in this Respect. After I had been to hear B^t. Nyberg several times, he speak'd to me & invited me, to call & see him, which I did the Sunday after, when we had had some Conversation together, he told me, that now the Society would have a Meeting & I might be present; As soon as I entered the Room, I was seized with an holy Awe, & the praying of the Litany in that Meeting made such an Impression upon me that I not only looked upon them as true Children of God; but became also seriously concerned about myself. I then went to the Meeting every

every Sunday & in my return, I oftens pray'd to our Sav^r to
make me happy & give me the assurance ~~of~~ thereof in my heart.
I had still some Difficulties on account of my former Connexions,
but my faithfull Sav^r help'd me thro' & made me free from them all.
As we lived about 3 Miles distant from Flaverforthwest, & my
Mother was not so well cared for as I could wish, I took a House
& moved with her to Flaverforthwest, where we lived happily toge-
ther. May the 12th 1765 I was received into the Congⁿ - which I
esteemed very highly. In general I have had a very happy time
& had many a Visit from our Sav^r in the Converse with him; as well
in my Sleeping place, as when I took a walk in the Fields, & once
in particular when I walked by the River Side, He appeared to my poor
heart & assured me that I should be His & that he ^{had} shed his Blood for
all my Sins; March 31st 1768 I was made a partaker of our Lords
Flesh & Blood in the holy Sacrament, Ah! how thankful am I
for all the Grace our Sav^r has bestow'd upon me, how often has He draw'd
so near to me, that I have melted into Tears, when I have been pray-
ing or speaking to him, these were happy Times, which I shal never forget
Thus far his own words.
When Mr. Petrus was in Flaverforthwest, he desired & obtained leave
to come to Fulneck, & arriv'd here Augst 28th 1768. His Course here has
been Edifying & to our Satisfaction, he always expressed a great
Regard for the Congⁿ, but when he saw or heard any thing unbecom-
ing in any one, who lived in the Congⁿ, he did not rightly know how to
take it, yet our Sav^r always remind'd him to look to himself, &

to dwell upon the faults of others, & thereby farther hurt was prevented. He often expressed a Desire to serve our Sav^r, & some time before his last Sickness begun; he declared to his Labourer: That he had devoted himself quite a new to our Sav^r & his People, was quite satisfied as, & where he was at present, but if our Sav^r would give him a call to any other place or employ, if he but ~~the~~ knew, it came from Him, he would accept of it with all his heart. Last December he got a bad Cold, which turned to a severe Cough attended with a Heetic Fever. He expressed a Desire to go to our Sav^r, but said, that he was not clear, if it would be now. The Medicine he took had but little effect yet we thought, the warm wheather & some gentle Exercise might perhaps be a means of his recovery, & when it was practiced, it seemed to have a good effect, so that about 3 weeks ago he thought still, that he would be able to take a Journey to Wales & fixed the day for his setting out, which proved to be the day of his happy Departure. Eight Days ago his Sickness took a turn, when it appeared, that his time here would be but short, & when the Doctor told him so, he was exceeding glad of it & waited with resignation for his Desolution; a little before his Departure, a P^r said to him: that now he would soon be with our Sav^r and appear before him in his Blood & Righteousness, upon which he answered Ah! that is pretty, if I had no Sav^r, what should I do now? In this comfortable Disposition & with a Reconciled heart, he went to his Redeemer in the 31st Year of his Age.