

Dep^d Jan. 30, 1764The Course of Life of the S. W. Bullock.

Francis Bullock was born at Heston Rhodes in the Parish of Brodsworth Sept^r the 9th 1739th, and educated in the Church of England, and learned the Tanners Business. He was of a very lively Disposition from his Childhood, and also of a Wild Cast, ~~till he got our Sav^r got a hold of his Heart~~, and this carried him thro' his Childrens and Boys years without ^{any abiding} ~~much~~ Concern or Uneasiness of Mind, ~~except~~ ^{ing at certain times} yet there were certain Times when he was much distressed & exceeding anxious about himself, & was seized with such a Fear of being Lost that he knew not what to do with himself, and this Uneasiness has frequently continued 3 or 4 Days & Nights together, but in Time he always shook it off ^{again} by one Means or other, But altho he was so sprightly & had such an active Soul, he had also something of a bashful Nature, & ^{which} probably might prove beneficial ~~for~~ ^{to} him in many Respects, for he was preserved pretty much from the Wickedness of the Times & places he lived in, notwithstanding the Temptations and Traces he was exposed to. On Easter Sunday 1761 his Curiosity led him to this Place, and during the preaching his Heart was touched by our Sav^r in a Manner it never had been before, & this day he looked upon as the Day of his special Call on which our Sav^r gave him a special Call to become his Property; & from this Day all his old Matters vanished and departed from him & his Connection therewith was broken, and his Concern was, to make his Calling sure. He then wanted to get acquainted with the ~~Men~~ ^{Men}, but being an entire stranger to them knew not how, but made Application for permission to go to our Boys School for a few Weeks, & this being granted, he frequented the Childrens Meetings, which proved a Blessing to him, & ~~by this~~ ^{thus} he also got an Opportunity to become acquainted with the ~~Men~~ ^{Men}, which he esteemed highly. He was rec^d into the Society at the next Society Lovefeast, but thinking his Call to be to the Cong^o he could

not dispose his Mind to settle any longer in the World, and therefore con-
- nestly & frequently expressed his Desire to be ~~delivered~~ have the Favour
to live in the Choir House, and which our Sav^r ~~granted~~ ^{did not carry on} granted him in the same
year viz Nov^r 9th 1761. As we ~~have not~~ his Business in our Place he was
necessitated to learn something else, & accordingly learned the Wool-
Combing Business. Here in the Choir House the ~~Lord of the Manor~~ ^{Dear holy Ghost} taught him by Degrees more and more the Knowledge
of himself, however he got also a Confidence in our Sav^r, and a certain
assurance that He loved him, and would receive him out of mere Grace
as his property. It was also perceptible to us that our Sav^r had a particular
Hand over him, and had himself numbered him to his People, & on Jan: 7th
1763 his Right & Title to the Family of our Sav^r was confirmed to him
by Reception into the Congⁿ. The Spring following he ~~was~~ was sickly
which continued growing upon him till he was obliged to give over
working, and after having rested a little he proposed seeking after
Work at his own Business, thinking it might be best for his Health,
but upon a Representation of the Danger to which he might expose him-
- self, and the Loss he would sustain in not having the continual Opportu-
- nity to have Fellowship with his W^m, he declined it, & begged Pardon. Having
been pointed out by our Sav^r to go to Bedford he took in the S: W^m House
in Bedford, and having, according to Appearance recruited his Strength
a little, he went thither July the 6th 1763. But soon became sick & unfit
to do that Business, & therefore returned to us again Sep^r 4th of the same
Year, and was very weak, & it seemed as if his Disorder was a Consumption.
His Father desired the W^m to let him come to his House ^{which is near the Church} for a while, thinking
that the Circumstances there might be full as suitable for him, & as he
himself had nothing against it, the ~~offer~~ ^{Request} was considered of & granted.
But he was soon clear that being at his Father's House would not help him
& that this Sickness was intended for his being taken to our Sav^r, & which he
rejoiced at. He was then very sorry that he was not in his Choir House, &
~~that~~ in the midst of his W^m & several Circumstances in his Father's House
were heavy to him, however he cleaved to our Sav^r, & had him for his Support
& Companion. He was frequently visited, & many blessed Bands were
kept with him. Our Sav^r manifested himself more fully to his Heart
than ever before, & he spent his Time in a melted, Linnerlike
Disposition (nor did any thing ~~give~~ give him so much
as that

as that he had not attained to the Enjoyment of the Lord's Body & Blood in the holy Communion with the Church, but which he often spoke about and wished for, but which we could not well think of on Account of his Situation.) During this Sickness which lasted pretty long, his constant Wish was that our Sav^r might soon come and take him to himself, & which ^{he} expressed with a tender Feeling and many Tears, and not long before his Departure, he broke out in Conversation with our Sav^r in a very pathetic Manner, saying, "My dear Sav^r, I am poor, yea a very poor One, & am not worthy that thou shouldst take the least Notice of me, but what shall I say? Thou hast accepted ~~me~~ of me, and forgiven me all, & hast washed & cleansed me in thy precious Blood; & now I wait with longing for the Hour when thou wilt take me to thyself: Come Lord Jesus & take me". which Desire was granted on the 30th (Jan:) about 8 o' Clock in the Morning, ~~having spent~~ in the 25th Year of his mortal Life.