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Document Title: Letter from Elizabeth Bowne in Flushing to Hannah Bowne in London

Date: 18th day of 5th month, 1676.
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Note on dates: Early Quakers used the numbers, not the names, of the months and days of the week. Prior to 1752, English people mostly used the Julian ("Old Style") calendar, which was 10 days behind the modern ("New Style") calendar and began the New Year on March 25th.

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he calls us unto to the hunner of his blessed name;
all though i am but one of the lest amongst the pople
of the lord yet i have experenced the great loving
kindness of the lord, he will not forgete theme that put
there trust in him for his care is over them and
he will cover their hedes in the day of troble oh
that we may forever abide in the feear of the
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touching our seuels I desier we may and hope we
shall order all thinges so that the truth may not
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¹ Hannah Bowne had been traveling abroad for over a year on a religious visit and preaching tour
² George Fox, founder of the Quaker faith
³ John Burnyeat: Irish Quaker, itinerant preacher and pamphleteer