

## French Prophets of 1711.

TWO closely written foolscap sheets have been placed at the disposal of the Society by its new Vice-President, T. S. Penny, Esq., J.P., of Taunton. They belong to F. Kennedy, of Kingston, a descendant of Charles Pourtalis, one of the Prophets concerned. It was evidently intended to annotate the account, as is shown by the references \* numbered; but no notes are there.

The rise of the French Prophets was due to Louis XIV. In 1685 he expelled all Huguenot ministers from France, so that the Protestants had to depend at best on lay preachers. Pierre Jurieu, minister at Rotterdam, published at once *L'Accomplissement des Prophéties*, foretelling the fall of Catholicism in 1689. A pupil of his worked among children in the Cevennes, and soon hundreds of these fell into ecstasy, both reciting Biblical prophecies, and uttering new prophecies. War broke out, and in the absence of trained ministers the fanaticism increased. Some of the Camisards escaped from the Cevennes and transplanted their ideas.

The prophetic movement spread to England, where there were already people heeding the revelations of Reeve and Muggleton. A surgeon named Thomas Emes was drawn in, and a dramatist of Calamy's congregation, John Lacy. The last publication of Benjamin Keach, in 1702, was a detection of both French and English impostors, Zachary Housel and Dr. William Coward of Merton College. Marsin had already issued an apocalyptic book on *Two Remarkable Females*, and for three or four years the enthusiasm spread among both French and English. With 1707 it became quite prominent; Elias Marion published his *Avertissements Prophétiques*, to which there came out also *La Clef des Prophéties*. The French Church in the Savoy took action, and though Maximilian Misson, who had won a reputation by his historical work, defended the French prophets as at least equal to Balaam's ass, yet Marion was condemned to the pillory and the stocks. With him was exposed Nicholas Facio, of Duillier, a Swiss, eminent in science, F.R.S. The trial and sentence still further advertised the movement; four hundred people were soon prophesying broadcast, and book after book poured from the presses of London and Paris. John Lacy issued *A Cry from the Desert*, and a set of his own *Prophetical Warnings*. Sir Richard Bulkley replied to several attacks, and Calamy put out a *Caveat* against both, with a minute account of the physical condition of Lacy when prophesying. Matters came to a crisis

with the death of Emes. Lacy declared he would rise from the dead at midnight, 25th May, 1708, and invited all and sundry to come to Bunhill Fields and see. Though he did not rise, government proposed to prosecute all the leaders, but Calamy suggested that the ridicule would now kill the movement. However, at the end of the year there appeared *A Collection of Prophetic Warnings*, by Emes, Lacy, and others, including children of thirteen, eleven, thirteen, fifteen years of age. The Earl of Shaftesbury wrote a letter on *Enthusiasm*, which marks the rapid ebb of the movement among the English, and with the death of Bulkley and the cessation of his generous support, it shrank back into French circles.

Meanwhile there had been similar effervescence in other colonies of exiled Huguenots, and in many parts of Germany where they had been welcomed, Germans had been led into "enthusiastic" and prophetic movements, as Hagenbach has recorded. This may partly account for the decision of Marion and his friends to visit Germany, as is here told in detail. They announced many disasters to German cities in a few years, but history does not seem to notice these. The nearest was the Jacobite rising of 1715, which stirred Lacy to his final *Vision*. Facio undertook other tours, even into Asia, but at last returned to England, and went into retirement at Worcester. Thereafter the impulse passed to James and Ann Wardley, who at Manchester headed an offshoot of the Quakers; and from them sprang the community popularly known as the Shakers. These emigrated to America, where the present spiritual descendants of the Cevennes prophets are still to be found from Maine to Kentucky, some 1,700 all told.

A Short Historical Account of the Message of y<sup>e</sup> Spirit of y<sup>e</sup> Lord to His People in Germany in y<sup>e</sup> Year 1711.

LONDON.

On ☉ [Sunday] June y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> O.S. The French Brethren & Friends being met together in y<sup>e</sup> same place, at Mr. I. P. after several Warnings & Prayers utter'd under y<sup>e</sup> Operation of y<sup>e</sup> Prophetick Spirit, This same Heavenly Agent thro' John Allut, Bring me some Water; for I have a Great Testimony to Give touching y<sup>e</sup> Will of the Creator.

N.B. Water being brought in a Bason, & Several other Signs being given, such as Terrible Agitations, Sighs, Groans, Cries, Quakings of y<sup>e</sup> Whole Body, such Faintings as made him fall backward, &c., w<sup>ch</sup> all accompanied his dipping his hands in y<sup>e</sup> Water, y<sup>e</sup> Spirit open'd his Mouth w<sup>th</sup> these Words, spoken w<sup>th</sup> Vehemence & Loudness.

My Will is, y<sup>t</sup>, in Three Weeks hence, 4 of you go out of this City, out of this Kingdom, to carry my Word & my Message into another I mean in Brandenburg. You must *depart* in 3 Weeks hence. 'Tis my Will. To thee (John Allut) shall be adjoyn'd Elias Marion, Charles Pourtalis [obliterated, but guaranteed by his descendant], Nicholas Facio. This is my Will w<sup>ch</sup> I declare unto you. For this purpose you shall again meet to Morrow, y<sup>t</sup> I may more largely give you to understand my Will. Time presses. you shall return to this Place in a short time.

Having receiv'd now all y<sup>e</sup> necessary Confirmations, directions & Instructions of y<sup>e</sup> Spirit, & embraced our Friends & Brethren in y<sup>e</sup> Lord, we set out of London on ♀ [Friday] in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon, y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> of June 1711. O.S., & y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> of July N.S. & arrived at Rotterdam on ♂ [Tuesday] next y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> same Month of July N.S.

#### HOLLAND.

In Holland, we visited only such as made Profession to acknowledge this a Divine Manifestation, except at Amsterdam, where we saw a few who had only heard of it, after y<sup>e</sup> same manner y<sup>t</sup> it is usually talked of publickly. One alone, out of y<sup>e</sup> small number y<sup>t</sup> came to enquire after this Voice, said he was convinc'd, after hearing of it, y<sup>t</sup> it was a Superior Agent who Operated these Things; and y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Tree which bore such a Fruit, cou'd not but be exceedingly Good.

#### BRANDENBURG.

From Amsterdam to Berlin, we went thro' Hanover, Brunswick, Magdeburg, & Brandenburg. In Magdeburg only we were visited w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Spirit; but such Visits only as we had had in some other Places on our Road where none had been present but our selves.

#### BERLIN.

At Berlin where we arrived on 4 [Thursday] y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> of July, & where we staid 3 Weeks; we saw People of all y<sup>e</sup> Christians Sects y<sup>t</sup> are known in y<sup>t</sup> City. viz. Lutherans, Calvinists, Pietists, and divers Proselytes some whereof had been Monks in France & Italy &c. We cannot possitively say what Sect does most favour or reject y<sup>e</sup> Manifestation & Message. For from among y<sup>m</sup> were some who receiv'd it, but many more who rejected it. But Generally speaking y<sup>e</sup> German Pietists & some of y<sup>e</sup> French People were most reasonably dispos'd. The Lutherans, it seem'd, did not much concern themselves at it. But y<sup>e</sup> Calvinists chiefly took y<sup>e</sup> Alarm. This is y<sup>e</sup> most plausible reason. The Ministers of y<sup>e</sup> French Nation, settled in those

parts, Seeing their People (as they call those, whom they have submitted to themselves by y<sup>e</sup> Rod of y<sup>e</sup> Word of God, which they pretend they have in hand) run in multitudes to hear w<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Voice was proclaiming, or to enquire after us, as to y<sup>s</sup>; & besides perceiving w<sup>t</sup> Ferment y<sup>e</sup> Word had caus'd in their Heart, in so much it was y<sup>e</sup> only subject of discourse in Companies, they stirr'd up against us, both silly, devout & honourable Women & y<sup>e</sup> Cheif Men of y<sup>e</sup> City. We were summon'd to appear at a Court of Judicature, where sat Baron Bartholdy Prime Minister of State, as President.\*<sup>1</sup> There without taking y<sup>e</sup> least Notice how inconsistent y<sup>e</sup> various qualities they gave us were; we were call'd Fools, Madmen, Empty Brains, Seditious Fellows, & disturbers of y<sup>e</sup> Publick Peace. Our answers & all y<sup>t</sup> we said on y<sup>t</sup> subject, tho' never so reasonable, never so just, was notwithstanding ridiculed by His Excellency President,\*<sup>2</sup> who at last in y<sup>e</sup> King's Name, commanded us to depart from Berlin before Sun-Set, & His Majesty's Dominions within three Days. &c. &c.\*<sup>3</sup>

When we were return'd to our Lodgings, y<sup>e</sup> Spirit came upon Elyas Marion & gave us y<sup>e</sup> following Warning.

“Do not rebel against y<sup>e</sup> Will of y<sup>e</sup> Lord, for he has spoken w<sup>a</sup> he sent you hither (Berlin) He at this time speaks in his withdrawing you from it. You are Free from y<sup>e</sup> Stumblings y<sup>t</sup> are found in y<sup>e</sup> Conduct it has pleased y<sup>e</sup> Lord to make his Spirit to take, thro' y<sup>e</sup> directions he has given you. you are free from it, I say. You may, without fear go from this City. I will have y<sup>m</sup> to stumble for I am a Stumbling Block unto y<sup>m</sup>; & they shall have no Light on my Word. My Sp<sup>t</sup> fulfill his Message, in bruising y<sup>m</sup> against y<sup>e</sup> Stone against w<sup>ch</sup> they have struck. My Word shall be given y<sup>m</sup> Word for Word, & you shall take none away, no, not one, y<sup>t</sup> they may break against it. Quit their Dominions without losing one Minutes time. For I have done w<sup>t</sup> I design'd to do. They shall know y<sup>t</sup> to y<sup>m</sup> was sent y<sup>e</sup> Stone, Call'd y<sup>e</sup> Stone of falling & rising again, y<sup>t</sup> they may bruise against it. 'Tis no longer your Business to stay in y<sup>s</sup> Countrey. Do not cut off one word of such as seem contradictory, & contrary to w<sup>t</sup> they seem to bode according to y<sup>m</sup>: For y<sup>e</sup> Lord has sent it to do w<sup>t</sup> it was to do. Retire, I say, w<sup>th</sup> Gladness & Contentm<sup>t</sup>, since y<sup>e</sup> Will of y<sup>e</sup> Lord is done according to his Pleasure. I shall send you some where else. You shall have my Will in a few days. Direct your way towards Halle.”

You must know y<sup>e</sup> Court is Calvinist, & y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> French Ministers our Accusers are also of y<sup>e</sup> same Perswasion. However this is no concluding reason against every Person of y<sup>t</sup> Sect, for a great Number of them seem'd to us well dispos'd to receive y<sup>e</sup> Word. N.B. The Queen is Pietist, & for this reason

has not a little been molested. The day after our departure ♯ [Saturday] Aug<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> at 2½ h. in y<sup>e</sup> morning as we arriv'd at *Postdam*, y<sup>e</sup> Spirit commanded us, not to go out of y<sup>e</sup> Way to *Leipsick* (in Saxony) & to go strait to Hall, having concluded the Mission as to Brandenburg.

## SAXONY, HALL

At *Saxe-Hall*, w<sup>ch</sup> place we only went thro', y<sup>e</sup> Voice of y<sup>e</sup> Spirit was not heard; but y<sup>e</sup> Message was sufficiently proclaim'd thro' the Conversations we held w<sup>th</sup> most of y<sup>e</sup> French settled in y<sup>t</sup> Town. The whole Town presently rang w<sup>th</sup> this Rumour. Professor Franck (Augustus Hermanns), M<sup>r</sup> Kock, Inspector of y<sup>e</sup> Orphans House, M<sup>r</sup> Schmidt a Physician &c, whom y<sup>e</sup> Prediction of y<sup>e</sup> rising again of y<sup>e</sup> Dead Body of Doctor Emes, since it happen'd not as 'twas expected, had very much stagger'd, if not totally estrang'd from this Dispensation, seem'd, when they had heard us on y<sup>t</sup> Article, to draw nearer to it again, & to be confirm'd in the same belief they had heretofore.

LEIPSICK y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>t</sup>.

During a fortnight we dwelt at Leipsick the Word flow'd in great Streams. We were only Visited but by Germans & some Hungarions who were Students in y<sup>t</sup> University. Among such who heard y<sup>e</sup> Voice of y<sup>e</sup> Spirit, y<sup>t</sup> receiv'd y<sup>e</sup> Message & were favourable to us, was a Magistrate, (who Nicodemus like, did not care others shou'd be acquainted w<sup>th</sup> it) a Professor of Philosophy, 2 Physicians, some Students, Citizens, Merchants &c, every one Pietists, strongly united by y<sup>e</sup> Bond of Love & Christian Charity. None of y<sup>m</sup> ask'd any Questions on this extraordinary Mission y<sup>t</sup> savour'd y<sup>e</sup> least of Curiosity & doubting. They all gladly & eagerly receiv'd y<sup>e</sup> Word. And in these we found y<sup>e</sup> Truth of this Saying of y<sup>e</sup> Good Shepherd, My Sheep hear my Voice.

M<sup>r</sup> Kock Schmidt & Grundler, every One remarkable for their Singular Piety, came purposely from Halle to *Leipsick*, y<sup>t</sup> they might more particularly be instructed concerning this Manifestation & y<sup>e</sup> Message y<sup>t</sup> was sent y<sup>m</sup>. They did not go empty away to their & our great Satisfaction. They were to impart what they receiv'd in this Journey, to Professor Franck & other Freinds at *Hall* & y<sup>e</sup> country about. We also left at *Leipsick*, to such as requir'd it, a Copy of w<sup>t</sup> they had heard. In y<sup>e</sup> time y<sup>e</sup> Noise of our Coming began to make People talk, & stir up y<sup>e</sup> Minds; & before y<sup>e</sup> Magistrates had taken any Violent measures against us, y<sup>e</sup> Lord was pleas'd to withdraw us from under their Power.\*<sup>4</sup>

## COBURG.

On ♀ [Friday] 4<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>ber</sup> we went to Coburg where we

were once visited by y<sup>e</sup> Spirit, in y<sup>e</sup> presence of some Germans, Pietists whom we were recommended to.

#### ERLANG.

In Obedience to y<sup>e</sup> Orders of y<sup>e</sup> Spirit given unto us at *Leipsick* we went to Erlang in y<sup>e</sup> Principality of Bareith, in Franconia, where there is a French Colony. The Germans are Lutherans, as is also y<sup>e</sup> Prince their Sovereign. The Princess, sister to y<sup>e</sup> King of Prussia is Calvinist, & y<sup>e</sup> French as is known are of y<sup>e</sup> same Religion.

The Ministers of these last stoutly oppos'd y<sup>e</sup> Message, and preach'd against all Doctrine of new Revelation. But what seem'd to y<sup>m</sup> most intollerable was to hear say, *y<sup>t</sup> they preach'd not y<sup>e</sup> Word of God, & y<sup>t</sup> their Sermons were only fruits of their own Study in human learning, & y<sup>e</sup> Imaginations of their own Heart, & consequently meerly human & not at all divine* Their delusions on this head is so surprisingly Strong y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Cheif of y<sup>m</sup> was so audacious, in a great assembly at his own House, *to take God & his Angels to witness y<sup>t</sup> he believ'd in his Heart y<sup>t</sup> his Sermons were as much y<sup>e</sup> Word of God as y<sup>e</sup> written Words of y<sup>e</sup> Prophets & Apostles are.* This bold asseveration was immediately protested against & answer'd accordingly, to his Greif & Sorrow, y<sup>e</sup> more because of y<sup>e</sup> hearers y<sup>t</sup> were of his Flock.

Many by means of this Message, have open'd their Eyes on this Branch of y<sup>e</sup> Name MYSTERY written on y<sup>e</sup> forehead of y<sup>e</sup> Harlot.

The Voice of y<sup>e</sup> Heavenly Messenger, proclaiming good & bad Tidings having been heard here for a Week, we were call'd to Nuremberg, there also to declare his Message. By y<sup>e</sup> Nature of this Warning directed to us alone for our particular Conduct, one may Judg how we behav'd ourselves towards this people. We came to NUREMBERG on) 14<sup>th</sup> & went out of it) 28<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> same Month.

“You may see y<sup>e</sup> Friends you have in this City, without enquiring after others; for it is not my Will they shou'd be warn'd. But y<sup>t</sup> you Visit such as are here who belong to me, & who shall be told you to desire my Kingdom. Do not show yourselves publickly; for it is not my Will. I will not have the City warn'd, but such alone who wait for me. The hand of God draws nigh. This City shall feel y<sup>e</sup> Violence of God. You must go hence as soon as you have visited those who wait for me. I will warn you when you must depart. Prepare to take your Journey towards y<sup>t</sup> Place y<sup>t</sup> has already been Nam'd to you. It must be Compas'd before it fals to destruction. The pillar of it is shaken, in order to be cast down to y<sup>e</sup> Ground, and none shall lift it up. I mean y<sup>e</sup> City of Vienna in Austria.”

N.B. By y<sup>e</sup> following Warning we were mission'd out for the Capital City of y<sup>e</sup> Empire viz. Vienna. The uttering of it was preceded by expressive Signs of Wrath & fury, as the Import of y<sup>e</sup> said Warning evidences it. [*Interpolated*: The Instrument having a Sword in his hand wherewith the signs were made.]

“The Day of y<sup>e</sup> Lord is a day of Battle, (a Day of Struggle) & fighting. The Day of y<sup>e</sup> King of Nations, is a dreadful day. He has taken his Sword in hand to fight his Enemies. He strikes on y<sup>e</sup> right & on y<sup>e</sup> Left side: He has begun to make y<sup>e</sup> nations feel his Anger. But his sword shall not fall from his hand till he has overthrown his Enemies, defeated all y<sup>t</sup> oppose him, treading y<sup>m</sup> under his Feet, casting y<sup>m</sup> on y<sup>e</sup> Ground & destroying y<sup>m</sup>, y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Field of Battle may remain unto y<sup>e</sup> Lord of Hosts, y<sup>e</sup> mighty God, the Tremendous One: For he will alone have y<sup>e</sup> Glory of defeating y<sup>e</sup> ungodly of y<sup>e</sup> World, Sin & Darkness.

“Y<sup>e</sup> are to go & cary my Word in y<sup>e</sup> Metropolis of this Land, that they may know That y<sup>e</sup> Foot of him who bringeth Good & terrible Tidings is come in at their Gates. You shall not long stay There. But let only my Voice resound within four Walls. This is my Will after your stay at *Schwabach* to cause my Word, my Voice to be heard. I shall soon take you back into Holland, y<sup>t</sup> you may forthwith work to y<sup>e</sup> printing of y<sup>e</sup> work ye have in hand, because I'm in haste y<sup>t</sup> these People shou'd be warned of my Voice, before my Anger be more kindled. For y<sup>e</sup> Days are short, (nay) very short. The day of Wrath and Vengeance is come. 'Tis to Vienna y<sup>t</sup> I call you within a few Days. Be ye faithfull unto me, & I will be faithful unto you. To you it is, ye little Worm's of Jacob, whom I lead about to carry my Message, y<sup>t</sup> my Trumpet may be heard on y<sup>e</sup> Mountains of Babylon. If ye be faithful in y<sup>e</sup> Work I have cal'd you to for a Truth you shall know that precious is my reward, & my salary most honourable.”

We were a fortnight at Nuremberg, where y<sup>e</sup> Reigning Sect is y<sup>e</sup> Lutheran Religion, during w<sup>ch</sup> time we were visited, & we went to visit several Persons of Quality very sober & Judicious, & who look upon this as an affair of y<sup>e</sup> highest Importance. We saw y<sup>e</sup> Envoys of divers Princes of Germany to this Republick, to whom we related y<sup>e</sup> things we had heard & seen, wherewith they were mightly affected.\*<sup>5</sup>

The Regency were inform'd as to us; but y<sup>e</sup> favourable account they had from some of those Ministers, & one of their Magistrates, of us & of what concern'd us, were doubtless, y<sup>e</sup> Reason why they took no severe Resolutions on our Subject, since we had no Publick meetings, nor did any thing to disturb y<sup>e</sup> Publick peace. Some who were most remarkable among y<sup>e</sup>

Lutheran Clergy, to whom we were recommended in Letters, consequently knew we were in their City, & y<sup>e</sup> Subject y<sup>t</sup> brought us Thither; but they thought fit to keep from us. God knows after what manner they spoke of this to their acquaintance. The Priests & Magistrates had so much abus'd M<sup>r</sup> Thennard on account of his prophesying, & very lately M<sup>r</sup> Hochman both their fellow Citizens, y<sup>t</sup> the Freind whom Providence had rais'd us up, cou'd not but be very much afraid for us. The 2 French Burguemasters of Christian-Erlang came to see us in this City & went home very well satisfy'd.

### SCHWABACH.

The same Spirit who sent us to *Newremberg* sent us also to *Schwabach*, in y<sup>e</sup> Principality of *Ohnspach* [Ansbach], where there is a French Colony. What we found in y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of Christian-Erlang w<sup>th</sup> respect to this Manifestation, we might say also of those at *Schwabach*. This difference however there is, y<sup>t</sup> one of y<sup>e</sup> Ministers, without having so much as Seeing us, or heard any thing of this Voice, nor of what we cou'd say to him, as well as to others that will hear us concerning our Faith, vehemently preach'd against this Dispensation & Message; & y<sup>e</sup> other y<sup>t</sup> had seen & heard us, spoke favourably of these things & check'd those who in his presence were bold enough to speak disrespectfully of 'em: Which put a restraint upon those Bold Bablers whose ungovern'd Zeal & brutishness might have done us a deal of Mischief. There we found Several Persons of both Sexes who were in our *Cevennes*, in y<sup>e</sup> time of y<sup>e</sup> Grand Effusion of y<sup>e</sup> Spirit of y<sup>e</sup> Lord; & who had been Eye Witnesses to a great many Miracles. As soon as we were arriv'd in this Town, as others had done at *Erlang*, where we found some who had been inspir'd in our Country, so they proclaim'd all y<sup>e</sup> Wonders they had seen, giving, w<sup>th</sup> a Christian Boldness Glory to God for it, w<sup>ch</sup> they never durst to do openly till then. I writ down in my Pocket Book an abstract of what they declar'd they had heard & Seen; to certify y<sup>e</sup> Truth of w<sup>ch</sup> they were ready to suffer Martyrdom, if God for his Glory, shou'd call y<sup>m</sup> to it. The Germans in y<sup>t</sup> Place are Lutherans, as their Prince: And the French Calvinists. A Magistrate of *Nuremberg* w<sup>th</sup> his whole Family who openly profess'd their faith in this Dispensation came to see us at *Schwabach*, together w<sup>th</sup> some Friends of *Erlang*. They did not go empty away, no more than our Freinds of *Hall* when they came to Leipsick to enquire after y<sup>e</sup> Work of y<sup>e</sup> Lord.

The Space of 8 Days y<sup>t</sup> had been set us to warn this People being Ended, we were order'd to set out for *Ratisbonne*, where we arriv'd y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>ber</sup>



## RATISBONN.

The Conduct of y<sup>e</sup> Spirit & y<sup>e</sup> behaviour He made his Instruments to Observe at *Ratisbonn*, was much y<sup>e</sup> same as at *Leipsick*, & *Nuremberg*.

The Magistrates of this City, who had already been inform'd about us, by letters from *Berlin*, as it happen'd in other Places, presently knew we were in their City. But one of 'em having also receiv'd some Letters from *Leipsick* [*Nuremberg* written above without deletion of the original], of quite another strain, sent us his Children's Tutor to enquire after our Mission, & to proffer us his good Offices. Our Message & we were variously talk'd of. All y<sup>t</sup> heard y<sup>e</sup> Voice y<sup>t</sup> Carries it, were struck w<sup>th</sup> Wonder & Amazement, or oblidg'd to acknowledg a Superior Agency over y<sup>e</sup> Organs, which caus'd a great Ferment among them. A Counsellor of y<sup>t</sup> City came to see us incognito, & carried us to his House, where We had a Warning by y<sup>e</sup> Spirit through J.A. This Counsellor let us know what was said on our subject at y<sup>e</sup> Town House, where he thought they were going to take Resolutions against us. But y<sup>e</sup> Lord hinder'd it as He had done else where in sending us to another Place.\* 6

As *Ratisbonn* is y<sup>e</sup> Place where sits y<sup>e</sup> Diet of y<sup>e</sup> Empire, where all y<sup>e</sup> Princes of Germany have their Agents, with some of these we had Conversation, & they heard also some warnings whereof they demanded Copies (having beforehand been order'd by y<sup>e</sup> Spirit to do it); It is certain y<sup>t</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> Courts of y<sup>e</sup> Empire, were right or wrong inform'd of this Mission in their Country. For in this City, Cheifly, where y<sup>e</sup> several Agents are more Curious Generally than any where else in y<sup>e</sup> World, they never fail to inform their Superiors about what happens there.

The People of this City are divided as to Religion. The Lutherans have y<sup>e</sup> Government & Magistracy; & y<sup>e</sup> Roman Catholicks y<sup>e</sup> Cheif Churches, Convents, &c. The Calvinists nor any one of any other Sect are suffer'd there. We concluded our Mission at *Ratisbonn* in 8 Days time. There follows a small Extract of a Warning utter'd on 8<sup>ber</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> by E. M. which may give you an Idea of y<sup>e</sup> ways of the Spirit in this Mission.

"You are call'd to continue your Journey towards y<sup>e</sup> Place  
 "y<sup>t</sup> I have mark'd you. The sooner y<sup>e</sup> better. I pass by like a  
 "Man riding Post Crying *Babylon is fallen! She is fallen: Her  
 "Ruin draws near.* This is y<sup>e</sup> Alarm w<sup>ch</sup> I give y<sup>m</sup> this Day.  
 "Prepare ye to Fight; for she shall soon come into y<sup>e</sup> Battle.  
 "She shall take up her Arms to fight y<sup>e</sup> Lamb. But her day is  
 "come. Christ is coming in his Glory to re-enter into his  
 "Kingdom."

## VIENNA.

Before our departure we were watch'd, but cou'd not know whether it was by y<sup>e</sup> R.C. or y<sup>e</sup> Lutheran Clergy, or the Magistrates, Perhaps by y<sup>e</sup> Three, for none of y<sup>m</sup> wish'd us well. After we had bid farewell to our Friends, we imbark'd on the Danube on 8 [Wednesday] y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> of October & arriv'd at Vienna y<sup>e</sup> 9 [Tuesday] following 20<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> same Month. We had directions for to go to several persons, & even some Letters for some of y<sup>e</sup> Cheifest at Court; but we were expressly forbid to see any one, the Spirit being willing to warn this City in an extraordinary manner. This was told us by y<sup>e</sup> Spirit, *You are to see no Body in this City. Woe be to y<sup>t</sup> City y<sup>t</sup> I cause to be warn'd without permitting any of its Inhabitants to hear my Voice.* We were sent in this City to be a Sign unto it, as when a King sends Spies in a place He wou'd surprize with its Inhabitants. Here follows an Abstract of a Warning utter'd at Vienna 21<sup>st</sup> of October by J.A.

Thou, Empire of Austria, Thou shalt feel y<sup>e</sup> Hand of y<sup>e</sup> Mighty God, because thou has shed innocent Blood, because thou hast decoy'd y<sup>e</sup> Passengers towards y<sup>e</sup> Glory of thy Pride, & hast sullied y<sup>e</sup> Worship of y<sup>e</sup> God of Israel. Thy Gardners shall totally be cast down; for y<sup>e</sup> Day of thy Visitation is come, as well as of others. The sword shall come in upon thy Inhabitants. She shall come into thy verry Metropolitan. Thy Fatness shall be a Food to y<sup>e</sup> Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Lamb. Within a Few, a few, a few, a few years thou shalt know I have laid Siege to thee, to overthrow thee, to overturn thee. I shall not spare thee. Within a few years I shall lay thee level w<sup>th</sup> my Justice. Thy Mountain shall be rax'd even w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Ground. Thy Horn shall be broken. Thy Head shall be bloody w<sup>th</sup> it, because y<sup>e</sup> Rock shall strike against thee & break thee. Thou shalt know y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> God of Truth has spoken it. Before it be many years thou shalt know it. I speak of common years & not Prophetical years. For of a truth I shall come & strike it.

Know ye y<sup>t</sup> my Will is y<sup>t</sup> ye prepare to leave this City to go into *Holland*, there to work about y<sup>t</sup> Task I have prescrib'd you. You shall go hence y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> day reckoning from this Day. You shall dwell no longer than two whole days yet in this City: Because I shall have done what I have to do in it. I shall teach you the Way you must go, before you depart hence.\*<sup>7</sup>

The Closing of this Mission having been made in y<sup>e</sup> Warnings utter'd in this Metropolitan of y<sup>e</sup> Empire, & y<sup>e</sup> 4 Instrum<sup>ts</sup> having reciev'd y<sup>e</sup> Necessary Orders for their departure, & y<sup>e</sup> Instructions promis'd y<sup>m</sup> for their Directions in their return to *Holland*, & thence into *England* from whence they had been taken, They left Vienna on 6 [Saturday] y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>ber</sup> 1711, after 4

days Stay according to y<sup>e</sup> Express orders of y<sup>e</sup> Spirit. They went again thro' *Ratisbonn*, & Nuremberg where they saw their most intimate Freinds & were even visited by the Spirit for their Common Comfort & Edification. From this Place they went to Francfort, where they embarked & sail'd down y<sup>e</sup> Rhine to Holland, & ariv'd at Rotterdam after 29 Days Journey, from Vienna on ☉ [Sunday] 22<sup>d</sup> November following. After we had transcrib'd all y<sup>e</sup> Warnings & writ y<sup>m</sup> out fair, together w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Prayers & Prophetick Hymns y<sup>t</sup> are to come into the Body of y<sup>e</sup> Book y<sup>t</sup> contains this Mission,\*<sup>8</sup> in order to be translated into High Dutch, & after it shall have been printed in both Idioms viz. French & High Dutch to be sent & dispers'd in all y<sup>e</sup> Places where y<sup>e</sup> Voice has rung\*<sup>9</sup>; 3 of y<sup>e</sup> Instruments Cross'd y<sup>e</sup> Sea to return into England, & y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> was order'd to stay to take care of y<sup>e</sup> printing of this Mission.

They arriv'd at London on ☿ [Tuesday] 4/15 of December 1711.

N.B. After repeated orders for our return to London, we had a warning, at Rotterdam on ♃ [Wednesday] 2<sup>d</sup> x<sup>ber</sup> 1711 N.S., by the mouth of J.A. whereof here is an abstract.

Overturning, in a few days where I send you. A Fox shall be taken in a few days in his own Devices. They shall be as snares to entrap him. The Horn of y<sup>e</sup> Ram is going to be broken asunder because it will have butt too hard at y<sup>e</sup> Ox. Its running being taken from far, it shall not be able to put a stop to it because of y<sup>e</sup> Swiftnes w<sup>th</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> it runs. These things you shall see in a few Days. From Friday next Se'night you shall depart this City & Country for London.

Abstract of another Warning pronounc'd in y<sup>e</sup> same place through E.M. on ☿ [Tuesday] 8<sup>th</sup> x<sup>ber</sup> 1711.

I will call forth y<sup>t</sup> nation that has no regard for thee nor thy Laws w<sup>ch</sup> shall not spare thy Elders neither thy young Men nor thy Women with Child, But they shall be destroy'd with y<sup>e</sup> Sword. The Nation w<sup>ch</sup> is half Jew shall enter thy Country & ramseck it, saith God.

FINIS.