

Some Account of our Esteemed Friend James Rigbie, late of Deer Creek in Harford County, Maryland. —

His Father's name was Nathan Rigbie of the same place who was a member of the Episcopal Church being a person of Note. — The said James was educated under him in the way that was usual for planters in high rank who were owners of Slaves. And by his own relation he was almost as soon as he arrived to man's Estate, appointed High Sheriff for the County. — It was about this time, viz. in or near the year 1742 that we understand he was closely reached and affected by the ministry of our Friend Edmund Peckover from Great Britain, then on a Religious Visit to Friends in America; afterwards he came to see the necessity of taking up the cross to many things he had seen in the

practice of, and was favoured to experience a lively advancement in the inward work of Religion, and in time joined in Profession with Friends, becoming a member of Deer Creek Meeting, he was for some years useful in the maintenance of our Discipline against disorderly walking & his own example and Labour was instrumental in helping forward our Testimony against the practice of holding Slaves for Term of Life. And receiving a Gift, he was recommended in the Station of a Minister, in 1749. Obtaining good esteem in the exercise thereof, but after this for want of more humble watchfulness, the enemy of souls was suffered to prevail over the weakness of his Nature, and to lead him out of that meek state of mind wherein stability and a growth in the pure unchangable Truth is witnessed; which was to his own great Loss, and to the great ^{grief} exercise of many Friends for a number of years, yet he being visited with bodily affliction in the decline of life, was through a renewal of Divine Labour again enabled to submit under