

Authentic Copy of Joseph Pennock's Confession Letter to Friends, 1732

(see transcript below)

Dear friends From a Deep Sence of my Disorderly walking
and for y^e Clearing of my Profession from Reproach -
am Conscienceously Constrained to give in this following
account, That on y^e third of y^e third moth 1732: I went
to Philadelphia about my lawfull occesion but for want
of more Humility & watchfullness there & at Barb^y I took
too much Drink to my great Shame and Discredit and
to y^e Discrediting of my friends Therefore for y^e Clearing
of Truth & y^e Innocent professors thereof I give in this
as a Condemnation against my Selfe and such practises and
I do in truth say that this proceeds from y^e Sincerity of
my heart, and I do desire that friends would Accept of it
as such, & make such use of this paper as they in y^e wisdom
of truth may see good for I hope that I shall never give
you such an occesion more is what offers from your
unworthy friend — Joseph Pennock

The above is a true Copy
per me Benj^a Fred (Clerke)

Transcript of letter:

Dear Friends,

From a deep sense of my disorderly walking, and for the clearing of my profession from reproach, I am conscientiously constrained to give this following account:

That on the third day of the third month, 1732, I went to Philadelphia about my lawful occasion. But for want of more humility and watchfulness, there and at Darby I took too much drink—to my great shame and discredit, and to the discrediting of my Friends.

Therefore, for the clearing of Truth and the innocent professors thereof, I give in this as a condemnation against myself and such practices. And I do in truth say that this proceeds from the sincerity of my heart, and I do desire that Friends would accept it as such, and make such use of this paper as they, in the wisdom of Truth, may see good.

For I hope that I shall never give you such an occasion more.

This is what offers from your unworthy friend,

Joseph Pennock