

As a preparatory help to the gathering of a Church in Bradford this following Instrument of pacification and of mutuall obligation to church union and order for the future, was Drawn up and signed by such of th^e MEmb(er)s of C[hurch] in full communion as were p^r[e]sent at a privt fast kept at Brother JohnTennys 12 : 10 1682 at other times by the me—

We whose names are subscribed being awfully sensible th^t we live in an age wherein God hath in part executed th^t dreadful threatening to take peace from th^e earth, and wherin Satan th^t great Makebate & author of contention doth by God's holy permission exceedingly rage even in th^e Visible C[hurch] of God & wherin th^t wicked one is Sowing th^e taxes of discord almost in Eve^ry Christian Society (th^e sad effects of wherof we th^t are th^e Inhabitants of Bradford have for some years Past experimentally felt and have yet th^e bitter remembrance Thei^rof we being now (through th^e rich and undeserved mercy of God in Christ Jesus) under hopeful probability of setling a Church of Jesus Christ in Bradford, do take This occasion, as to Express our hearty and unfeigned sorrow & humiliation, for what unchristian differences have broken forth among us To The dishonour of Gods name, the grief of his Spirit, and To the obstructing of the work and Kingdom of Jesus Christ amongst us, and to the hindering of our own peace and edification; so also in the name of God, and by his gracious help, Seriously and Solemnly to ingage and promise for th^e future to forgive and forget, To The utmost of our Endeavors, all former unchristian animositys, distances, alienations, differences and contests, Private or more Publick, personal or Social, that have arisen up among us, or between us and others, to Pass a generall act of Amnesty and oblivion on Them all, and not to Speak of Them To The defamation of each other, at home in Bradford Town, much less abroad in any other Place, nor to repeat or revive Them, unless called by Scripture rule, or lawful authority, To mention them for the convictioⁿ or Spirituall advantage of Each other Besides We Promise Thro[ugh] The grace of God, That, in case God in his most wise and holy Providence should permit any offences, for the future to break forth among us (which we Desire, God of his infinite mercy would prevent, as far as may be for his glory & o^r own good) That we will then conscientiously Endeavor To attend to Scripture rules for the healing & remooving of them, and Those rules in particular, ch Lev:7 18. Math :5 and To bring no matter of grievances against each other To our Minister or to the Church, but in a scripturall and orderly way and manner. That we may be helped inviolably To observe This our agreement, We desire the asistance of Each other's mutuall both Christian and Church watch, That we may be monit^rors or rememberancers To Each other of This branch of our Covenant; as also The instant and constant Prayers

of each other that God would Enable us carefully to ob
serve This Instrument of o^r pacification of o^r conditional