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To our loving brother in Christ Mr Knox att Geneva¹

We havinge² receyvid l(ett)res frome o(u)r bretherne of Strausburge, but not in soche sorte & ample wise as we looked fore, whereupon we assembled together in [33] the holye Ghoste, as we doubt not, have with one voice³ & consent chosen you particularly⁴ to be one of the ministers of our congregation here, to preache unto us the most lyvelye word of God according to the gyfte that God hath given you. For as much as we have here throughe the mercifull goodnes of God a church & be congregated⁵ together in the name of Christe, & be all of one folde & members of one bodye, and thirste for that most precious Juell wherof God hath made you a dispensator, & also being of one nation, tonge, & countrey,⁶ and at this present

¹ Address not in *Troubles*.

² *Troubles* has 'have'.

³ *Troubles* has Holy Ghost 'we hope, and have with one voice'.

⁴ *Troubles* has 'so particulerly'.

⁵ *Troubles* has 'to be congregated'.

⁶ *Troubles* only has 'and all of one bodye and also being of one nation, tonge and countrie'.

havinge nede of such as you be, do desier⁷ you & also require you in Gods name,⁸ not to deny nor yet refuse⁹ theise oure requestes, but that you will ayde helpe & assiste us with yo(u)r presence in this our good & godlye enterprise which we have taken in hand to the glorie of God, the profett of this Congregation¹⁰ and the poore shepe of Christ dispersed abroode, who with youre, & the like presences¹¹ wold come hither & be of one folde, whereas now they wander abrode as loste shepe w(i)thout guides¹². We mistrust not but you will yoiffully accept of this callinge.¹³ Thus fare you well in oure Lorde God frome Franckford the 24o Septemb. 1554.¹⁴

Your bretherne in Christe

John Bale	John Wood	Will(iam) Walton
John Mackbrey	Tho(mas) Cole	Edmund Sutton
John Staunton	Will(iam) Whittingham	Jasper Swyfte
John Weller	Will(iam) Williams	Thomas Steward
Thomas Surbye	Tho(mas) Woode	John Jeffraye
John Sanford	George Ridley	John Gray
Mychell Gill	Will(iam) Hamonde	Hugh Alford
Anthony Carier ¹⁵		

⁷ *Troubles* has 'nede off suche a one as yow, we do desier'.

⁸ *Troubles* has 'in the name of God'.

⁹ *Troubles* has 'deny us, nor to refuse'

¹⁰ *Troubles* has 'his congregation'

¹¹ *Troubles* has 'and like presences'.

¹² *Troubles* has 'withowte anie gide'.

¹³ *Troubles* has 'accepte this callinge'.

¹⁴ *Troubles* has 'Fare ye will from Franckford this 24 off September'.

¹⁵ *Troubles* has the list of signatures in a different order which does not contain John Weller.