

To John Wilmot.

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On behalf of my dear Companion, James Backhouse and myself, I have to acknowledge the receipt of thy letters of the 25/1 Mo: and 3/2 Mo: the former containing an enclosure of one pound. Our dear friends at home having liberally supplied us with Books and Tracts, from which the parcel sent thee were selected, it was not our intention to have charged thee with the cost: yet as the Lord has opened thy heart to present, as it were, a free-will offering out of thy earnings, we are free to accept it, and pass it to the credit of the Meeting for Sufferings in London, which defrays all the expences incurred during the course of our present engagement.

As a further encouragement to thee to pursue a course of reading that may be favourable to thy spiritual advancement (as thy expectation is directed to the Lord who alone can make it a blessing to thee,) we have thought it right to make up a parcel for thee containing the undermentioned works, which will be addressed to the care of Henry Glennie, - Darlington, who, I doubt not, will

will take the trouble of transmitting them to "St. Heliers"
by the first convenient opportunity; viz:

Groneys Portable Evidences	Memoirs of F. Howard B.
Penn's Rise & Progress	Takes princip ^l of Friends.
Storford's Grounds of a holy Life	Woolmans serious consid. ^{ns}
John Churchman's Journal	Shewen's Christians' Faith.
Penn's Travels	7 "Address to pris. ^r popul ^r ."
3 "Christian Address."	

We have communicated with John Tawell respecting the Watch materials, proposed to be forwarded by thy brother, & he has signified his willingness to take charge of them, in order that they may be conveyed to thee from hence. Address John Tawell, Macquarie St. Sydney. He is likely to remain in the Colony for 18 months to come, at least; & thou mayest safely consult with him on any matter of the kind in which help or advice may be needed; as we have had many opportunities of observing the interest he is disposed to take in promoting the welfare of young men circumstanced as thou art. I would suggest that in things of this nature it will be proper, & indeed incumbent on thee, to communicate freely with thy employers, so long as thou art in assigned service, that it may be with their knowledge & sanction.

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And now, I may add, with reference to the most important part of thy last communication; that our sympathy and Christian interest were afresh excited on thy behalf, and earnestly do we desire thy encouragement. Indeed thou hast reason to be encouraged: for may it not be said to thee in the language of the Most High, who has condescended to visit thee anew with the offers of his mercy?—"I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." Great & unmerited indeed is the mercy of God, through Christ Jesus our Lord, in following the children of men with the reproofs of his Spirit, & in pleading with them when they turn not at his reproofs, as by the rod of correction, until they yield their hearts to his righteous sway. May the sense of his love continue to affect thy heart, amid all thy conflicts. And though it hath pleased the Lord, in the dispensations of his unerring wisdom, "not to leave thee altogether unpunished," that thou mayst be instructed what "an evil & bitter thing it is to depart from the living God," yet believe, that in faithfulness he hath afflicted thee; and that as it is thy concern to bow under his righteous judgments, he will in due time effect his gracious purposes concerning thee, which I cannot but believe is, "with great mercies to

to gather thee," and "with everlasting kindness to have mercy upon thee." Doubtless thou wilt often have to feel thy own weakness, & that of thyself thou canst indeed "do nothing" — a kind of lesson that is extremely painful and humbling to human nature. But let not this cast thee down. Rather let it excite thee to more lively faith in that Grace which comes by Jesus Christ. He hath "compassion on the ignorant & them that are out of the way," — on the "weary and heavy-laden:" and we must experience the deepest sense of our own utter helplessness & insufficiency, before we can effectively avail ourselves of his Grace, which is sufficient for those who have faith in it as the appointed means of their salvation, his strength being made perfect in our weakness. Daily, & as much as may be, habitually, seek to stay thy mind upon God. And should the enemy of thy soul at any time, through thy unwatchfulness, unhappily gain an advantage over thee, be willing to bear the Lord's judgments; & let the sense of condemnation (which is the work of his Grace) dwell on thy mind, not seeking to dissipate it, or obtain consolation from outward sources of comfort, until the Lord be pleased, for Christ's sake, to remove it, by the fresh shedding forth of his love & mercy in thy soul. In this way "look unto the

Lord," and "wait for the God of thy salvation"; Let the language of thy soul be: "Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy. When I fall I shall arise, when I sit in darkness the Lord shall be a light unto me. I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause & execute judgment for me." In my own experience I have ever found him to be a God of mercy, as well as of judgment, when thus sought unto; & as this exercise has been maintained proportionate victory has been obtained over the sins that once easily beset me. For, "not by works of righteousness that we have done, but by his mercy he saveth us, by the washings of regeneration & the renewings of the Holy Ghost. May it be thus with thee, my young friend, in a greater measure than has yet been thy experience. And O, remember! it is a work that involves thy life; thy spiritual life and everlasting well-being are at issue." Serve the Lord then with fear - that filial fear which preserves out of evil; and rejoice with trembling - knowing thy own weakness, and that it is by Divine Grace alone thou canst stand. Thus thou wilt be favoured to advance step by step in thy heaven-ward course; obedience keeping pace with knowledge, until the Truth makes thee free from every

every sin and defilement: "And if the truth make you free," said the Lord Jesus, "then are ye free indeed."

Our dear friends Daniel & Charles Wheeler arrived in their little vessel, from the Islands of the Pacific about a month ago, in peace & safety, having satisfactorily accomplished their arduous engagement. They expect to make some stay in the Colony, but whether they will visit the Upper Hunter, or not, I do not suppose they know, themselves, at present. I should be glad, for thy sake, that they do, believing it would afford thee comfort. We (that is, J^r Backhouse & myself, expect to sail for V. D. Land next week. Any communication for us must be directed, for the next month, to the Post Office, Hobart Town; beyond that period to the Post Office, Cape Town, whither we proceed by way of Swan River & the Mauritius. We shall always be sincerely interested in thy welfare, & glad to hear from thee when thou art inclined to address us. A letter to D. Wheeler, Post Office, Sydney, will find him also. — J^r Backhouse unites in the salutation of Gospel love, with

Thy sincere friend

George W. Walker.

MS. Our Christian remembrance to A. S. Wightman & Family.
