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York 11/4 Mo. 1845.

My dear Fr.
G. W. Walker

Since I wrote thee last, two affecting events have occurred, of a widely different character, of which, I expect thou wilt have been apprised by a York paper, which I sent thee some days ago. I allude to the decease of my Brother Thomas Backhouse, & the execution of John Dwell. The former of these events took place after a few weeks indisposition of obscure character, just in such a way as one would wish to see in a Christian; the other, under circumstances, which just leave some room to hope the poor culprit might be penitent, but not without much fear. My Brother was one who had the advantage of becoming an established Christian in the days of his youth; and this gave him a stability in his contact with the world, which even worldly-minded men bowed to with respect. We feel his loss greatly, but cannot mourn on his account; indeed we feel bound to give thanks for the mercies extended to

The case of Backhouse & Dwell is now before the Court. I have had some to thank for the mercies extended to

to them of the Word of which we were permitted
largely to partake: he has left his family in com-
fortable circumstances, and has placed his three
children, under the guardianship of my sister
Sarah Backhouse, who has long performed a
mother's part to them.

Of no. thou wilt perceive by this date that
it is long since I began this letter. In the mean-
time, I have attended the Yearly Meeting, &
rec'd tidings from thee, both directly & through
our mutual fr^d Geo. Bennington, who was
also in London. Through his medium or per-
haps that of "the Friend" or "the British Friend"
thou wilt most likely have been apprised of
the favour extended to us from on High on that
memorable occasion; and how the church
was strengthened to separate brethren (Wm.
Forster, Josiah Forster, Geo. Stacey & John Allen)
to go to New England with an address to those
who have separated from our Society, chiefly
because of attempts to limit their liberty in
attending meetings for promoting the abolition
of slavery. Another valued Elder, Jos^t Bawley
of Dublin, was encouraged to join them in this
labour of love, over which there was such a falling
of the power of the Holy Spirit, that I can yet
scarcely touch upon the subject without tears.

The whole meeting was a solid, good, uniting
meeting. Friends went away confirmed in their
faith and cemented together in love. - Your
Epistle was read with interest among the selected
minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings. There was
also a communication from the Friends of
Adelaide. Though it was declaratory of great weak-
ness, it brought them near to us in feeling; & I could
not but desire that they might become a
branch of your Y. M. I did not however make
any remark upon the subject. - Thos Pierce
was in town, he is solid and settled, and I hear
good reports of his family. - Since the Y. M.
we have had a good Y. M. at which G. M. Yeard
were with us to our comfort. They now reside at
Berkehamstead. - Our old Dr. David Stead was
at the Y. M. There is still something good about
him which interests one. - he purposes leaving for
Port Phillip in a few weeks. - When in London I paid
a visit to poor Isabella Sawell, she has felt much
the dreadful conduct of her father-in-law & its
consequences to him, but she was too well aware
of his character to be greatly surprised. - I recd.
£10. of G. Bennington for books: probably those
last sent have in some measure anticipated thy
wants. I have handed £5 to Thos Cotton to purchase
some of those thou named, £2, I have applied to the
purchase of York Tracts, & I purpose retaining the

remaining three, for Narratives. I am sending thee
 12 more of each, & thou canst apply any proceeds to
 your Temperance Hall, Meeting House or any other
 object thou mayest think best. — Since losing my
 kind Brother's business lies a little more upon
 myself, both on my own account & on account
 of his family, but I have a good helper in my

The case of plants from Q's story has come to hand. I
 cannot contrain to him, shortly.

Edw. Backhouse
 11/4 Nov. 1845

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Geo. W. Walker
 Robert Brown
 New Queen's Lane

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James: he is at present in Westmoreland with his Aunt
 Sarah & Cousin Mary. My sister Eliza sends her love,
 she contributes for the use of thy children a large parcel
 of loose numbers of the Penny Magazine.
 With the salutation of continued love I remain
 thy attached friend
 James Backhouse