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My dear F^r
G. Walker

I believe it is long since I address-
ed thee, partly in consequence of being much
occupied & partly from not having much to
communicate. The immediate cause of my now
writing is to send thee the enclosed letter, which
as it contains all the particulars of the case with
which I am acquainted, I need not make any comments
upon. I hope in a few days to have the Penny Magg
ready to send as before noticed; they have been rather
long at the binders. I purpose when they are sent
off to give thee some further information respect-
ing the tract, &c. which thou wished for
among the charges that have lately taken place
among thy friends at Newcastle. I may notice the
decease of Eleanor wife of Geo. Richardson, her in-
terment is, I believe, today, and the decease also of
Charles the son of John Richardson, he was a fervent
young youth, a pious & cheerful manhood, and as he had
wisely sought first the Kingdom of heaven & its
righteousness he was favoured to ascend to the
grave with bright prospects of a blessed eter-
nity. — Thou wilt probably have been informed
that in the course of the ensuing summer I shall

the son of our late much valued Daniel Wheeler is likely to become son-in-law to our mutual friends John & Rachel Priestman, their daughter Margaret is the object of his choice. I hope it will prove a comforting connexion on all hands. The number of marriages likely to take place is greater than some times. Probably a greater degree of business prosperity than existed a few years past may tend to this object and I am not sure that the monthly lists of Marriages in some of our periodicals may not have contributed. You will probably have observed the fault-finding tone of the Brit. Friend & the constant exhibition of a disposition to produce excitement on behalf of John Walker & against F. Gurney. I was uneasy with this that at the expiration of last year I informed the editors, I had no recd. authority to order its continuance, but they replied that they did not doubt the honourableness of the Brit. Friend in New-England to pay for them & therefore they should continue to send them. Many Brits here have ceased to take the paper and it will be for those who receive it with you now to state whether they will continue it or not. It seems to me that the article of making a heath of Plymouth & a stallions horse of Walker in order to sow discord in the Society, & that there gets as well as some others are unwittily drawn into the opinions. Our beloved R. Seeker is liberated for religious services in North America by his Mo. Society. Many other Brits are also out or going out

on their good Master's errands. E. C. Dreyellis, Jas Budge
& S. Sharpe are liberated for Norway. Maria Fox of
Falmouth for the South of France. — Tiddley Murray,
Hoag, an eloquent, active young man from New England
is, I expect, now in the South of France, accompanied
by Robt. Alsop jr from Chelsea. — I was with J. M. Hoag
a few days to comfort, in the NE of this County. — I met our
frd Geo. Bennington at Ackworth on a subcommittee, a few
days ago: he gave an improved account of the health of his dear
Mary, who is however still much of an invalid. — I have
lately had good accounts from Africa, from R. J. Ju-
niper, J. B. Brownlee, R. T. Moffat & J. D. Phillips. —
The Cape Town School goes on well, your frds at the
Cape seem going on comfortably. — J. B. Brownlee
gives encouraging account of things in Caffraria:
he often sends me plants, & I send him fruit trees,
which he is introducing into the gardens, that the Caffers
are now beginning to plant. — Moffat wrote about the
Scripture Lessons, which are proving very useful, and
about a pump to supersede the raising of water by
one man hauling it up out of a deep hole to another.
I had sent some cast iron pumps to Griqua Town &
Moffat had borrowed one. — Tho' Durant Phillips went
to Hankey on the death of his Bro: Wm who with a
nephew, a son of J. Fairbairn, was drowned in crossing
the bantoo's just below the tunnel which he had formed
and which now brings a considerable quantity of land
under irrigation. They are about to erect a water-mill
& it seems as if by making the best of their advantages the
bantoo's people would now be able to make a livelihood
on the spot. — My sister Sarah has been confined to
the house about a month by a remitting fever.

she is now improving and as spring is setting in we hope she may soon be restored. The rest of the family are good with health. The winter was unusually mild till the middle of 3rd Mo. when we had a few severe days with a heavy but partial fall of snow. Our fr. David Stead is now a member of Pontefract Mo. Cong. & he is one of our representatives to the Yearly Meeting. he talks of returning to Port Phillip in autumn.



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Mr Backhouse
Pontefract

Geo. W. Backhouse
Pontefract
Mr & Mrs Stead



With much love to all my dear Friends I remain

Thine very affly
J. Backhouse