

Hobart Town

30/7 Mo. 1847.

Esteemed friend  
J. Leake.

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of thy favour of the 29<sup>th</sup> inst. enclosing (Reque value Eighteen pounds  $\frac{3}{4}$  (£18.3.4) which is placed to thy credit.

In answer to thy kind enquiry respecting our mutual friend Jas<sup>t</sup>. Backhouse, I am glad to say when I last heard of him he was well. It is some months since I had a letter direct from himself. His son has now become of an age to relieve him from much of the weight of business (thou wilt probably recollect he is a Nurseryman) His daughter, if my last account be correct, I have it not from

her father, is likely to be married shortly.  
J.W. has intimated in one of his communica-  
tions to myself that his children are  
a great comfort to him, I think his remark  
was to the effect that they were nearly all  
that he could well desire them to be.  
Thus the dedication of their father, at a  
period too when seemingly most needing  
the oversight of their only surviving parent,  
has not proved detrimental to them.  
Thus, in his instance, we may see the  
promise is <sup>so far</sup> verified, see Matt. XIX, 29.

I remain

Thy friend sincerely

Geo W. Walker.

L 421 Prof. J. W. Walker  
30<sup>th</sup> July 1871