

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>. [illegible]. enclosing cheque value Eighteen pounds 3/4 (£18.3.4) which is placed to thy credit.

In answer to thy kind enquiry respecting our mutual friend Jas. 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 [illegible] (thou will probably recollect he is a nurseryman) this daughter, if my last account be correct, I have it not from her father, is likely be married shortly. J.B. has intimated in one of his communications 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 [so far] verified, see Matt. XIX, 29.

I remain,

Thy friend sincerely

Geo. W. Walker.

G. [W.] Walker

30<sup>th</sup> July 1847