Dear Sir,

My mind has been long impressed with the idea that something should be done to mitigate the extreme severity of our Criminal Law, and as I know of few men more zealous in the cause of humanity than that of which you have long been a zealous and worthy member, it is not this account that I have thought it right to add to your.

In all parts of Europe there have been meetings held to advocate the abolishing the sentence of death, I do not go so far as that; but I do most earnestly hope to see the day when no man shall suffer death except for murder. I should not call your attention to the numerous cases of persons suffering death in these colonies for minor offences. I wish to see the same laws here, that there are in England when death in no case is caused in its effect, but in that of murder. Situated as we all are in the midst of a corrupt population, it behooves us to do what we can to show the poor outlaws of crime, that we can feel for them, acts of kindness may
do much to restore them. What I would hope is that you would consult with the numerous advocates of humanity around you, try whether some steps might not be taken by petition, the Government to put a stop to all executions, but for that, it only wants some one to start the subject; by the Blessing of God it may, if He sees fit, be done. If a meeting was called surely all good men would unite in the humane an object.

Having thus stated what I have now done leave it under your consideration, earnestly praying that our Heavenly Father will so direct your thought, that you may be led to advocate it just because if I then shall not fear for the result, yeal may do much with those who trust in God.

I remain,

Your faithfully,

G. Walter