My dear Friend 

Yeo Walker,

It is now a considerable time since I received a letter from you, and I conclude that like myself you are now too busily engaged to write long letters. This being the case, write a short one. I have just sent a small parcel of books for the use of David Burton. Two copies of the 8th from my Journal, Utter's Visit to the United States, 2 copies of a Memoir of Mr. Brigham, a few smaller matters, and by a prospectus enclosed with them, you will see that I am anticipating the publication of A Narrative of a Visit to the Australian Colonies, which is intended to supersede another edition of the first five Nos. of the 8th. From my letters, or rather Journal, which was originally intended only for circulation in our own society, and requires much revision, since my return I have kept much at home and have been dreadfully occupied, except to the yearly meeting & a few neighbouring meetings on special occasions. The yearly meeting was a very comfortable one. The business was conducted in much love and brotherly conciliation. Among the subjects of special character that occupied the attention of the meeting was an address to the Queen against war. In the King of Ministers & Elders, Edward Burtinitsykius was liberated to visit the West Indies, Leands, and Anna Austin, a Jewess from America, had an allowance of religious liberty to visit those places with...
Friends in the south of France. We are expecting her at our Quarterly Meeting on the 29th inst. when Mr. A. Meadley are likely to bring before us a concern for extensive labour on the European Continent, for which they have obtained a cert from their Maj. of Foxherny. Belinda Wilson of our meeting Sarah Lycurse are in Ireland, and several friends are moving about in England. In a few quarters there is still some unsettlement, chiefly among those who stumble at the cross which is to be taken up by the disciples of Christ. Our mutual brethren of Mr. Priestman have a treat in the want of moral stability in their eldest son who has lately joined his membership. He is a very tender point with them. Perhaps they had best not mention it unless they allude to it themselves. They are much to be pitied for the treat he had to endure. Some time since my Mr. Zach Bicker called upon me with a person whose name I think was Henderson to inquire about emigrating to St. O Land. I then thought him very respectable, but he has since had occasion to form a different opinion of the man's character. He not having made satisfactory arrangements for the payment of his debts before leaving the country. I mention this for your caution. I have had a pleasant account from Isaac Hughes of our Gr wire Town acquaintance; it is dated "June 24th, 1842," and they had just received the parcel we sent them in 1840! They had been favoured with so fine a rain that all their fountains were revived, a stream 10 ft. wide was running in front of their houses, and the whole valley had been filled with corn. They were nevertheless,
intending to prosecute their plan of leading out the Vaal River, but at a point about a mile above the Cape Paardrift, where it will be done cheaper than at the place first thought of. I have also a good account from J. Jennings of the Cape Town School, which has now upwards of 100 pupils. The animadversions on our comments (or rather on my comments) on some things in Africa I had subsisted. It was feared likely to fall into a similar state to that which terminated Mr. Goodrich's life. I have also lately received a total Abstinence report from Sydney, sent by a new ship, entitled the Lee-totaler. Mr. Bush formerly a member of the Sky-Freely is still working at Blackwall, and is drawing nearer to friends. - About 1000 seamen were sent in the grounds of conviction made last year. F. Bennington will tell thee what they are doing about thy affairs. I am raising a guaranty fund to the amount of £1000 to prevent infinite loss by thee to that amount. This responsibility I should feel to be discharged from as soon as thou couldst do without it. Some of the parties lend the money at 5% per cent. If the others merely sign the guarantee J.B. borrows the money at interest.

With much love to all my dear friends in N.O.Laus and kind remembrance to many who would hardly come within this range, I remain

thy affectionate friend

J.B. Backhouse

My sister Eliza, who is sitting by desires her love.