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Dear friend.

I return thee the Manuscript herewith, and am much obliged for the sight of it; and so are my friends J. Backhouse and D. H. Wheeler, to whom I have had the pleasure of reading it aloud. I do not think that any of us are of the mind that the language is stronger than the circumstances of the case warrant, & indeed, require. Certainly J. Backhouse & myself are not. The present System, apart from the moral means which, in a very limited degree, counteract its pernicious influence, cannot be too strongly denounced.

Our suggestions, consequent on further consideration of the plan thou hast proposed for carrying thy enlightened principles of Penal Discipline into effect, will, I trust, be ready by to-morrow. Meanwhile,

I remain, very respectfully,  
thy friend,

Geo. W. Walker.

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