

To Colonel George Arthur.

Sydney, New South Wales.
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To Colonel George Arthur.

Though I have conveyed, thro' the medium of my friend James Backhouse, a brief message of Christian remembrance to thyself & family, in the prospect of your speedy departure from Van Diemen's Land; I still seem to have inadequately expressed the feelings of interest, ^{and} of Christian regard which are afresh excited on the occasion, & under the influence of which I am prompted to make this addition.

In recurring to the past, and to the pleasing intercourse that subsisted between the members of thy family and myself, as the associate of my valued friend James Backhouse, in his religious labours, I might dwell with lively recollection on the many demonstrations of kindness & of friendly interest we mutually received from you as a family; and, more particularly, on the uniform good-will thou wast pleased to evince towards

the cause in which we were embarked, by facilitating our movements, on various occasions, in the discharge of our religious duty.

All personal feelings, however, of obligation, seem to merge, at the present time, in the higher & more important consideration, that in the exercise of that authority with which it has pleased the sovereign Lord of all, even the "King of kings", to invest thee, it has been much thy concern to act in the Divine fear, and to discharge the duties of thy high office conscientiously in the sight of God & man. Under this conviction, especially, it is, that I most sincerely desire, and pray, that the blessing of the Most High may follow thee, and thy family, wheresoever you may go!

When I remember that, "not many wise, not many mighty, not many noble are called;" but that thou art one, I trust, of the few in elevated stations, to whom the blessings of the Gospel of Christ have been made known as unspeakably precious; my heart is drawn forth in fervent aspirations that thou mayst realize them in all their fulness—that thou mayst be favoured to obtain, "by patient continuance in well-doing," "glory, honour, & immortality"—even "eternal life."

A most essential requisite in the progress to this attain-

attainment, is humility. And when I reflect on the probability that many honours, and the frequent need of human applause, may be heaped upon one in thy station, whose duties have been discharged as thine have been; and that these things have an influence on the mind that is often fatally destructive of humility; I cannot but crave for thee, that thine may be a fervent & unceasing care, to "seek the honour that cometh from God only;" casting every crown as at the feet of thy Redeemer. Then, I cannot doubt, "upon every glory there will be a defence"; the grace of God will prove sufficient for thee; & an unfading crown of glory will be thine in the great day of account.

In every wish for thy individual welfare, be assured, thy valued wife and family are included. May I beg of thee to present to them my cordial, though respectful remembrance. And

Believe me to remain,

thy sincere, & obliged friend,

George W. Walker
