

York 10mo. 24. 1851.

My dear J B Walker

Thy letter & that of
thy Uncle J B Mather of 8mo 22
came to hand yesterday. It
was interesting to us to hear of
your welfare. We hope thy
brother's indisposition, may
not recur: such attacks arise
from various causes, sometimes
merely from some disturbances
in the digestive organs, but
they always require care.

My sister Edg^h intends
writing by next post: she is
well as are the rest of us, &
she with James & Mary join
me in the salutation of love
to you. —

1081 I thought thou wouldst
like to have the accompany-
ing letters respecting thy aged
Aunt, Eliz^h Walker, whose
long pilgrimage has closed,
as thou wilt see by the letters;
and, I trust, closed peacefully.
It is a comfort to reflect
that she fell into the hands of
such kind caretakers as the
Curtins. — I saw her not long
before she died, and tho' her
mental powers had greatly
failed, she remembered thee, &
desired her love to you. — She
was the last of the generation
to which thy dear Father belong-
ed. — I have obtained the assist-
ance of my Friend, Charles Tyler

of Lewes in examining thy
Father's papers, & preparing a
memoir of him. C. Tyler per-
formed the same office in
regard to the life of John
Heartley, & that of Eliz^h Dudley
lately published. It is a
work of labour, & will yet require
some time to effect.

I hope to write to thy Uncle
J^B Mather by next mail. I
have been much of the sum-
mer in Scotland, & only re-
turned from my last visit there
on the 22nd inst.

Many changes continue to go
on here, as I suppose they else-
where always do, in other places.
Doubtless this is intended by our
Heavenly Father as a continual
lesson to us, on the uncertainty of

temporal things, & the need of
securing those that are eternal,
& which are so freely offered to all
through & in our dear Lord and
Saviour. — Our dear Dr. Wm
Dent of Charr is deceased: he was
grandfather to my nephew &
niece Thos & Sarah Jane Back-
house. — Rebecca Shepherd wife
of Holman Shepherd is also de-
ceased; she was a niece of Wm
Dent. — Several more Friends
have settled in York, making
agreeable additions to our meet-
ing. One of them Edw^d G. Dimdale,
has several times lately spoken in
ministry. — Thomas Allit who has just
come in desires his kind love to thee.
Wm Richardson & Mary Hustler often
ask after thee & desire messages of love.
My love is to your whole circle,
& my other Tasmanian Dr.
Thine aff^{ly}
Ja^s Backhouse.

We have been favoured
with a very fine summer,
the Apples, Pears & Plums are
scarce. The previous sunless
summer did not ripen the wood
of the trees, & the severe frost
of the intervening winter killed
much of the young shoots.

We have yet had so little
frost this season, that the gar-
dens are quite gay.

We will willingly fill the
cases from the Royal Bot. Garden
& return them, if sent filled with
Glechonia, but do not forget that
the wet is to be pressed out of the
cobs, or the plants will rot.
There is a beehive shaped bush
of a sp. of *Richea* on St. Hilling-
ton. Could a few small plants
of it be sent with the *Glechoniae*

We should be glad of a few
seeds of the Eucalyptus from
the top of Mt Wellington &
of the sea tree (Leptocarpum)
highest up. They would come
best in a letter.

J.B.

Weymouth Station
Nineteenth Augus
Oct 4. 1861.

Dear Mr. Backhouse.

My dear old Miss
Walter has passed from our arms
this morning about 5 o'clock, into
those of our Good God.

It is needless to repeat to you in
the way she has been ill that long
time, but during the last fortnight
or so a visible sinking was evident
about her appearance, and within
some three days from her death her
appetite altogether failed her, she could
keep nothing on her stomach, that was
the worst sign we could observe

No further change apparent in her
prior to death. She passed away
as if going into one of her usual
slaps. She is in heaven, I hope
and believe, if not, God bless the
whole world. For I really believe
a poorer, more loving and devoted
follower of Christ our Lord will not
exist upon it.

Wm. J. Basthouse Yours most sincerely
John C. Carter

Westgate Phil Station
Newcastle on Tyne
Oct. 14th 1861.

Mr. J. Backhouse.

Sir

With many thanks
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of £5-
towards the expenses of the funeral
of our dear old friend J. Walker.
I assure you Sir the care of her
was but a labour of love, it was a
pleasure to us to have so good a creature
under our roof. And if she had no friends
in this world, it would still be so.
But the assistance received through ^{you} Sir
enabled us to overcome many little
difficulties, which would be otherwise
very trying. God bless you and yours. Sir
I am Sir your sincere friend
J. Backhouse Esq
your friend
Wm. Leeson.