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My dear Lady Franklin

I have not only read thy letter with great attention and shown it to our Ladies Committee but I have also forwarded to Lord Haileybury present Colonial Secy a copy of all the most important parts of thy letter respecting the factory here and also, parts of the letter I received from ^{Kerya} Kerya Elicⁿ Hayter as she also described the sad state of the Factory - The Lady Mayor and myself afterwards went to Lord Haileybury and we found him much interested in the subject and I think an assent is possible to have improvements made in baridomans land and to second Sir John Franklin wishes to promote to the good of the Colony - There are points of considerable difficulty to meet, first what is to be done with the women if not assigned I wish that Sir John or myself would propose a better outfit

arrangement for these poor outcasts.

With respect to those of light character who have children I think whilst they must be properly and humanely cared for they should if possible not congregate together but be kept separate. With respect to cutting off the hair we have not found its effect good in England for whilst the poor persons should be humbled by her faults she should not always carry about in the view of others the crime she has committed it hardens and makes them worse than before.

I think there is a good deal in thy suggestion respecting the orphan school but some of opinion that it would not agree according to the laws of God and of nature, namely to exclude the mothers of illegitimate children from seeing their children or taking them out unless able to maintain them, it should be done under restrictions never being allowed to be with a view nor to take them away until it is clear they can provide for and protect them — of course the mothers of the legitimate children should be very differently treated.

I think your Factory capable of great improvement
by being made more a house of correction &
think there might be added to it, something of
a house of Refuge for hapless characters that
may arrive on the ship or be anxious to
improve in the colony - I rather fear your
building a new Prison at present because
there is so great a variety of opinion respecting
the best mode of building and discipline
and after a little while different systems
will have been more tried. I think much
improvement may be made in the Factory and
many evils redressed and I mean by the next
ship to have such regulations ready to send as
were found in the time of Lady Darling to
be useful in the Prison at Parramatta
I am glad to say that I have obtained
leave from Sir James Graham our home
Secretary to send out two respectable women
in our next female convict ship to act
as Matrons during the voyage under
the surgeon - one I hope you may find
adapted to fill the place of Matron in

The Factory or some Institution the
other we expect will be engaged in
yourself to Lady Dalrymple's sister, I should feel
glad to have as early an answer as possible
to say whether Sir John approves the plan
of respectable women going out to
assist the Surgeons in the female convict
ships and whether they are sure of
situations on their arrival. I now wish

to acknowledge my very kind attention to
R. B. Hayler, and I also thank Sir John Brantley
and myself for your attention to those

for whom I have given letters. I am
glad indeed to find the interest you
take in the poor convicts and I pray
that God may bless to them and to you
the efforts that you are making for
their improvement.

With very kind regards to Sir John Brantley
I remain

affectionately, My friend
Oliver P. Bay