My dear Lady Franklin,

I have not only read my letter with great attention and shown it to one lady committee but I have also forwarded to Lord Harleypur present colonel letter a copy of all the most important parts of my letter respecting the factory here and also parts of the letter received from Her God. Also, I have also discussed the sad state of the factory. The Lady Magog and myself afterward went to Lord Harleypur and we found him much interested in the subject and I think anything possible to done improvements made in barrack's land and I second His Honour wishes to promote to the good of the colony.

There are points of considerable difficulty to meet, just what is to be done with the women if not assigned, much that business or myself would propose a better order.
Arrangement for these poor outcasts.
With respect to those of light character who
have children I think whilst they
are properly and humanly cared for
they should if possible not congregate together
but be kept separate. With respect to cutting
off the hair we have not found it effectual
in England for whilst the poor persons
would be humiliated by it faults the should
not always carry about in the view of all
the crime the has committed it hardens and
makes them worse than before.

I think there is a good deal in my suggestion
respecting the orphans should have some
opinion that it would not longer according
to the laws afford and of nature notably to
exclude the mothers of illegitimate children
seeing their children or taking them out when
able to maintain them; it should be done under
restrictions never being allowed to be in the town
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 to which there might be added something of house of refuge for hapless characters that may arrive in the ship or be anxious to improve in the colony. Mother use 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 some regulations ready to send a new point in the Arco de Lady Darling to be useful in the Prison at Parramatta. I thought to say that I have obtained leave from Sir James Graham our home duty to send out two respectable women in our next female convict ship to act as Matrons during the voyage & to the Surgeon. One I hope you may find adapted to fill the place of Matron in
The factory or some Institution, the
other one expect will be engaged in
journey to St. John's to know from the
late Mr. B. Hayter, and Sales Man in St. John's,
and that I need your attention to those
for whom I have genuine letters, I am
induced to send the interest you
taken in the poor convicts and I pray
that God may help them and give you
the effects that you are making for
their improvement.
With very kind regards to Mr. John
Truman
Affectionately your friend,
Elihu E. Key