



INTRODUCTION.

The letters contained herein are original autograph letters which have been preserved by the family of James Backhouse. They came into the possession of Albert J. Crosfield of Cambridge, England, a grandson of James Backhouse, on the death of his brother, James Backhouse Crosfield, and were offered to the Library of the Royal Society of Tasmania through Ernest E. Unwin, Headmaster of The Friends' School, Hobart, who was consulted by Mr. A.J.Crosfield in the matter.

Most of the letters are addressed to James Backhouse or to James Backhouse and George Washington Walker from prominent people in this and mainland states, mostly during the years 1832 to 1838. There are also a few letters addressed to other persons, which were probably collected by James Backhouse for their autographic value.

Ernest E. Unwin.

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