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New Norfolk

19th June 34

To James Backhouse

per office

My dear friend

It will give me
 very great pleasure to answer the queries
 contained in your letter to the best of my
 ability; and I at first imagined that I should
 have little difficulty in preparing the required
 list, but on mature reflection I now perceive
 that the task will be of tedious and difficult
 performance. It will indeed be a very easy
 matter to point out those persons, in the district
 formerly or now converts, who have come under
religious influence and their corresponding
 information

information of conduct, both because such instances are conspicuous and few in number, but to ascertain, with any degree of accuracy, the number of those persons who, since their transportation, have become, without religious profession, reformed as members of society with require great caution and considerable investigation. There are to be sought for chiefly amongst those convicts who have become free by servitude or emancipation or who hold tickets of leave, among whom I know a great number may be found who have at least given this proof of their reformation that they have not

a considerable number of years been guilty of any known offence against the laws and have at the same time confirmed this proof of improved conduct by industry in an honest calling. Many of these persons however may have been transported for a first offence and without general demoralization and might not, if they had escaped transportation, have been guilty of a second offence.

This consideration, with several others, presses me but a little and I shall feel obliged if you will favor me with your opinion on the proofs of reformed conduct, before I attempt to prepare the required list. In

the mean time I shall not be idle, but
shall endeavour to prepare the materials
from which to make a selection.

It is a subject on which I feel deeply
interested, being with you convinced that
much misrepresentation has been made
regarding it and chiefly to be regretted as
producing a paralyzing influence on future
actions.

I am sincerely rejoiced to learn that
your health is improving and hope it will
soon be entirely reestablished. I regret
that you do not, in your letter, say any thing
of visiting New Bedford. I must say for
myself and wife that we shall both
suffer far more disappointment than words

can express, if we do not see you and
our very dear friend Mr. Walker here again
so soon.

My wife joins me in affectionate
remembrance of you both and I
remain,

Your much attached friend

N. Puffer

20 Puffer Avenue, New Bedford



Business Buckhorn and Walter -

I regret more than I can pos-
sibly express at having been so un-
fortunate in addition to the slight
I was obliged to lose the opportunity of
seeing you - I only hope that in regard
both to your Official visit as well
as to your private comfort, that every
convenience and facility was given you -
I cannot express again how deeply
sorry I am at being absent, as I was
most anxious to have conversation
with you on the subject of the Dis-
cussion Law. Of this Settlement - as
well as that of the Poor, Establish-
ment -

do you approve of the changes in
the appearance of the settlement since
your last visit! - I hope you liked
that of the Boys' Commission it an
establishment of considerable in-
-terest - The different Returns of which
you expressed a wish to get a copy
I herewith enclose - I have also added
one rather more explicit than I have
kept for my private information from
the commencement of my command
up to the present date - Should there
not afford you the information
you require I beg you will not
hesitate to let me know and I
will forward any others on to
you to Sydney - I am only just
returned from my Bush excursion
and I assure you I feel not a
little -

little exhausted, our provisions failed
us two days ago - and the scrub we
had to labour through was more
dense in many parts than you can
imagine - this is the second time I
have had a narrow escape - in the
course of my trip I visited a beach
where I remarked several of the "Euc.
lating flowers" in blossom, it reminded
me of your wish to get some of the seed
and I send them or four flowers which
I hope are sufficiently advanced for
you to procure some of the seed - then
I shall scarcely have time to send
these Returns to you before your
departure for Sydney - I trust this
added to my being rather fatigued
will prove a sufficient excuse
for so hurried and unconnected -
as -

Epistle - Sincerely wishing You and
friend Walter every success in
your future duties, and a safe
and happy meeting once more
with your families in Old England
believe me as I subscribe myself
your faithful and sincere friends.

Charles MacArthur -

Fort Worth -

Land. Town: 14 -

Saturday 5th Dec.

To -

Sup^{rs} Backhouse & Walter -

do do do do

Robert Town -

22/11/1834.

L.O. & 1300th

Lockstock.

5th Jan^y 4th 1835.

My dear Sir,

Mr. Dunning has
 been from our friends
 in Lockstock, more than
 one intimation, that,
 in pursuance of Your
 benevolent and praiseworthy
 objects, it was
 more than probable,
 we might have the
 pleasure of seeing You
 at our Adopted Home.
 I need not say,
 that:

that whenever convenient to pay us a visit, it will afford us much pleasure to receive You, and make You acquainted with our Australasian Brood.

My Brother will inform You of the best mode of reaching this out of the way Place.

Believe me, My dear Sir,

Yrs very truly
H. Greenaway



Mr Holden has much pleasure in
 acknowledging, by the Governor's
 direction, the receipt of "Practical
 Hints on Pauper Lunatic Asylums"
 together with the ~~for~~ work on the
 same subject before presented by
 Mr Backhouse, & in conveying
 Her Excellency's best thanks for
 them.

Colt House, Parramatta

23 Janry 1835.

Very truly Yours
 Henry to Genl Backhouse

Anatomical Subscription Library
Sydney 17th March 1835

Sir

I am directed to return the
thanks of the Anatomical Subscription
Library, through you, to Dr. Wodhkin
for the present of his Anatomical Museum
which has been received and deposited
in the Society's Library

I am,
Sir

your most obedient
humble servant

J. Lindoth

Backhouse Esq. Hon. Secretary

Sydney 25 May 1835

Gentlemen,

I have been instructed by the Committee of the Auxiliary Bible Society, to inform you, that whenever it may be convenient, they will be happy to be favoured with your presence, at their Monthly Meetings, which are held on the last Tuesday.

For Messrs James Backhouse
and G Washington Walker.
Sydney,

in each month, at the hour of
seven in the Evening, at Mr. Pines,
the Bookseller's, in King Street. -

The Committee entertain a hope,
that ye may be able to afford some
friendly suggestions for the furtherance
of the Society's benevolent designs. -

I remain,
Gentlemen,
Your very obedient servant,
William Bowyer
Secy

Colonial Chaplain Library

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Parsonage Bathurst

June 18. 1835

Sir

Hearing of your active & benevolent efforts to rescue
man from that alarmingly spreading intemperance.
which in this country especially appears to have placed
the people in the very hands of Satan. I wd solicit your
aid in this parish - some scruples which have not yet
been overcome prevent my making it a subject from
the pulpit. and I have not sufficient strength. perhaps I shd
say not sufficient faith to call a meeting for the purpose -
but were you to come up I think God wd give us a
meeting & prosper us - shd you think fit to come. pray
deem a weak servant of Christ worthy for you to abide at
his house - humble & plain ~~that~~ it is - you & your friends shall
be welcome & I wd hope comfortable.

I have the honor

to be Sir

with desires & prayers for
your success & happiness
your sincere & obedient
humble servant

John Eysie Kears
chaplain

— Backhouse J.

January 25th 1836 The first attempt on paper having written on slate
13 first attempt of a Lake Michigan Black Belly Blue

Ba be be bo bu

Da de di do du

Ka ke ki ko ku

Bully Blue



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No. Colonial Secretary's Office
 Sydney 18 March 1836

Sir

In reply to your letter of
 the 16th instant, I am directed by
 His Excellency the Governor to
 inform you that a Printed Book
 of Indents of convicts arrived in
 New South Wales during the Year
 1833, has been forwarded to the
 Government of Van Diemen's Land
 with an intimation that this
 has been done at your desire,
 in consequence of Lieutenant Governor
 Arthur having requested you to
 furnish him with any hints
 for the Improvement of the
 Penal Discipline of that Colony,
 and which object you consider
 will be promoted by the Indents
 in question. —

Mr James Backhouse have the honor to be
 Sir Your most obedient servant
 Sydney W. Leary
 Colonial Secretary & S. D. S.

Maj^r Anderson
12/5 & 22/8 mo 1836

Commandant when
I was there

Norfolk Island 20th May 1836

My Dear Friend

I had the pleasure to receive by the hired Schooner, Newstead, on the 17th March last your esteemed & most welcome letter from Sydney of the 29th Feb, & altho then suffering a little from my Eyes, believe me I would have made an effort either with my own pen or with the assistance of my Beloved Wife - to have thanked you for your valued remembrance & friendship for us, but that the Vessel Officers were decided whether we would return direct to the Colony, or round by New Zealand & also that I was fully expected one of our own here immediately after - but for some reasons yet unknown to us, we are still up to this hour without any subsequent arrival from Sydney.

This suspended cannot last many days longer, I fully anticipate, shall have

Yours very sincerely
J. Small

know to do from the arrival until the
dispatch of our Mail. State the present
condition of your health, & our equally
esteemed friend George Walker.

Your Letter now before me, is full of kindness,
interesting & valuable information, & my dear
wife & I & many others derived much
satisfaction from the repeated perusal of every
part of it, excepting when you tell us of your
accident by the falling of your horse. The injury
you sustained in consequence, but we sincerely
trust the goodness of God who preserved you from
greater suffering, has been ever this, a shield
to perfect strength & health; & that you & your
worthy companions are successfully continuing
in the good work in which you have both so
long & so faithfully laboured. — I am truly grati-
fied by the interest which you & other good
men take in this settlement. I desire to hear
that the wisest efforts of the poor misguided
Editor (or rather scribe W. Bull) of the Colonist in
harm in no way attend your favourable opi-
nions of my various designs & humble en-
deavours to do my best for the spiritual, as
well as the worldly, care of the many men
committed for the present to my charge.
W. Bull is now in Sydney lately removed from

Ample should, may fancy they annoy me by their
low & malicious attacks. They do not themselves
let them write. Thanks be to God my conscience
is at ease. I regret, one of all they have said or can
say. I so long as the friends I love, of truth &
justice. Approve of my conduct I believe that
I desire, at least to do well, I care not what
weak men suppose. Christians, say or write of
me. To you, I will expose Mr. Bull. so far as
to say, that he & his family shared my house
for seventy seven days & left us with tears
in his eyes & many corresponding expressions
of gratitude & good will. May, that he wrote
me. I sent me a letter of thanks on his
return to London with endless assurances of
his gratitude. I yet this is the man who has
been to be the writer of so much in profane
the malice & falsehood against me. But
I have said more of him than I intended.
It affords me much pleasure to be able to
confirm to you that our Island continues
in the most perfect tranquillity. That the Council
of elders & pious ^{advice} ~~advice~~ which you & others so
earnestly gave. I left amongst the prisoners, have
evidently & manifestly done much good. &
that we have endeavored, by all the means
in our power, to keep alive in the
recollection of our fallen & sinful state & of
our

our Dependence in all things both here &
hereafter on the Mercy & Providence & good
-ness of our God. - I have indeed much reason
to acknowledge the continued efforts of Taylor
& Shea. I attho I sometimes fear the former
is a better Preacher than this Christian he has
never given me the slightest opportunity of
detecting any falling off in his attention to
the duties he has had so long entrusted to him,
I do believe that by God's grace he has done
some little good. - Having now upwards of
1100 we are obliged to send half a year's
permanence every alternate Sunday to Long
ridge, which gives Shea & Taylor much ad-
ditional labour. Our Schools are also
keeping up well. There are about 75 Pro-
testants & nearly an equal number of
Catholics constant attendants. Your Books
are much esteemed & what is better must
be sought after. The distribution of them so
well regulated after his plan & directions
of Mr. Walker that only one Volume
has been lost as yet. - Dr. Paldine has
also sent us a seasonable supply for his
people. I am concerned to say I shall
lose Taylor in a few months more. Sigs
Cleggman is sent down. I know not how
to replace him. I do repeat that I am

satisfied there is a favourable change gene-
rally worked in the minds & habits of the
Prisoners: I do believe that altho' Sin & Crime
still greatly abound, there are many
men amongst them who see, & feel, & daily
confess to their Maker their past iniquities,
sincerely pray for help in the present &
time to come. I never now hear that
any are ashamed to say so. - But with all
this hope of reformation, I am not to be de-
ceived, nor will I conceal from you that
Crime the most revolting is yet common
here, nay I know too common amongst
many of those wretched men. - I need not
stain my paper by naming what I mean.

My efforts have been many to bring
those horrid deeds to positive proof, but
I have hitherto failed, all concerned in
them being well aware that I am determined
in any real case to let the Law take its
course. - If we could crush this evil,
this dreadful propensity, our catalogue of
offences would bear comparing with any
equal number of men so situated.

The receipt for corporal punishment is,
I am glad to say, not very often. - seldom
more than 3, or 4 in the month, & I believe
sometimes less. - Consider solitary confine-

more effectual & much more likely to demand
prison. The average of our trials is
about 25 months... if we had been busier
we should have left the charges being gene-
rally "Neglect of Work" or "Insolence to the
Guardians." - With respect to Prisoners, I have
a rule of reading every one to which I attach some name
excepting when addressed to you: I have remembered
two, if not three for you some months ago, I put
them in Mr. Barclay's Box: those arriving for Prison
Sometimes before the inspection of Mr. Peck - I
can venture to say that none to, or from Prisoners
have ever been thrown aside or detained. This re-
minds me that your last letter enclosed to me
for Comstock was delivered to that man sealed -
that I was afterwards told he had added to it, &
made some alterations especially a long para-
graph in praise of John Pinner Price - Sent
for Comstock & asked him to show me the letter -
he pretended to go for it, & after some absence re-
turned bringing the letter torn up, & partly wiping
the very part where I was told the mention of Price
had been added. When said I was surprised to
see your letter so soon torn up, he said it had
been done by some of the children in the School.
On looking at the fragments, it appeared to me
some changes & alterations had been made,
& I pointed them out to him, but he most solemnly
denied every thing of the kind. - As I am unwilling
therefore to think worse of the man than he deserves
or

or to allow your kindness to be abused, send you as
I told him, your letter that you may decide the
matter. Ben Hantest has been most abun-
dant, since our late or second crop of maine prunes
equal to the early crops we shall have nearly
as much as the whole of the former five years
put together!! Mr. Maule is a most zealous
ambitious & able Servt. but I am deeply concern-
ed to say that he has been cruelly & shamefully
opposed in his duties by 2 or 3 of our commu-
nity - from what cause I know not unless from
disappointment & inherent love of mischief
making. I have reason to hope this evil will
relieve as others. I have some meddling cha-
racters - the last of the friends of Mr. Mauleod -
I fully expect they will furnish Mr. Bull with
much additional interesting matter respect-
ing the Island. but as Mr. Bull aspires to the
situation, I must therefore be an able judge &
writer on Agriculture. I do not apprehend his
opinions can affect Mr. Maule's reputation
for honesty or capacity in Sydney.

We are otherwise as happy & contented as
you could wish us. Ben friends at the Ban-
as you used to see them, constantly with us, & all
endeavouring to make the happy. The Ellsons
are quite well. The Dr. after me he will
send you the (offen. Benier). - All frequently
speak of you & George Walker, I would gladly
see you back amongst us. - You would see
many

Many improvements. - Splendid new Commis-
sariat Store & new Military Barracks. This le-
ads me to mention - that since Lucia de-
parted, a very handsome Tomb has been placed
over her late Husband: with an inscription
after our family & Compositions. -

I think I have now given you all the news, &
have only to conclude with the very sincere
regards of my Dear Wife to you & George Walker
& the remembrance of those of
Your very faithful friend
Andrew

At 22 Aug. - You will perceive by the date of this
letter that it was written nearly 4 months ago, &
detained, & read scarcely once, from the non-arrival till
now of any vessel. - I off & on had spare time & would
destroy this, & write over again - but this I cannot
do, I must therefore let it go. - We continue quiet
still - but have suffered many ~~private~~ privations
during the last four months, from the want of our private
supplies. - All Members from necessity of the tem-
perance Society - & even to drink pea (coffee).

We are losing our good & steady friend Capt. E. H. P.
& my Brother-in-law Mr. Campbell - which are most
sincerely regretted. I am also losing Rob. Taylor no ad-
vance left to this letter. - He behaving much to my
satisfaction - some few excepted. - Since writing
this letter I committed for the most horrid of all crimes
& for stealing flour. I am the informant of this & will
Many - many thanks to Geo. Walker for his letter just
recd. & will answer it quickly, & grant opportunity
over you to the best & attached friend All.

Bartramia May 10th 8th
1838

Dear Sirs

I should you in your Pilgrimage
on the Hunter pass near the Residences
of the following Gentlemen whom I particularly
know, I will thank you to call on them in
my name, and I am sure they will all
show you any Attention in their Power -
Messrs. Donner & Co. Newcastle water -
Colt. Lethbridge Ditto - Newcastle
Charles Maydell Ditto - Waterloo
George Wyndham Ditto - Newcastle
George Townsend Ditto - Waterloo -
The Rev. P. Wittor ~~new~~ Newcastle -
From the above Gentlemen you will obtain
any Information you may require -
wishing you a pleasant Trip, and safe
return -

I remain

Dear Sirs

Messrs
G. Waker and
James Mackenzie

Yours truly
Saml. Marsden

James Mackenzie & Co. Newcastle

Foster Evans
28/6 Dec: 1836

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Commenced off
London Dec 18

Monter Bay June 28. 36-

My dear Miss Walker

I have just been
down to see the
any kind of letter some
days ago. I have
I have got a great
delight - and I
say for the gift, the
both I have always
keep at I have been
gift, and feel for the

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Rathurst 23. Sept. 1836

Dear Sirs

Feeling grateful for your kindness in sending me a volume & a valuable parcel of tracts I think it my duty to return you my sincere thanks.

The volume I shall always keep as a token of your kindness & the tracts I have nearly all distributed. I like bread cast upon the waters may their good effects be seen before many days! I am sorry to inform you that very little has been done with respect to the Temperance Society since it was first commenced. There has been no public meeting nor

Meeting of the Committee. nothing
further than private or individual
exertion, we hoped that the Rev.
Mr. Saunders would visit Bathurst
& be the means of awakening an
interest in the cause of Temperance
among the inhabitants of this
district. — With regard to the Bible
Society, I dare say you are aware of
the proceedings up to the Public Meeting
in July last — there is now about £40.
collected but neither Bibles nor
Testaments have been purchased nor
are there any to be had in Bathurst
up to the time — I should hope
that the Committee will endeavour
to get a supply immediately. —
I have spoken on this subject to Mr.
Lane & Mr. A. K. Mackenzie who seem
to think that it would be difficult

to procure them from the Society
in Sydney — perhaps you would have the
goodness to ascertain & by some means
let some of the Officers know. —

While you are engaged in spread-
ing the knowledge of the Saviour's
name & kindling in the hearts
of others the flame of divine
Love — May your own souls be
comforted strengthened & filled
with all the fulness of God
is the prayer of your humble
but sincere friend

James Callaghan

Messrs. secretaries of the work
James Backhouse }
Geo. W. Walker }

Jas Callaghan
22/9^{mo}
1830

James Backhouse
Esq. W. Wetherby



Probably 1836.

Genl W. Lundy

Sir

I am directed by
His Excellency the Governor
to request the honor of
your company at Genl
House Pannacotta on
Tuesday next the 13th
instant, to remain until
Thursday. His Excellency
dines at 3 o'clock

I am Sir

Your Obedt Servt

Robt W. Wetmore

Capt & Col

at the camp to Genl House

St. Dublin's 24th Nov^r 1836.

My dear Sirs.

Two days ago I was put in possession of your very kind present of Books which Mr. Glennie had taken the opportunity of forwarding to us. I beg you will accept our very sincere thanks for the your kind remembrance of us and Christian regard. so far as we have gone we have reason to be much pleased with the works you have sent. Miss Daley is at present at Port Stephen with her Brother's family - we will take care to convey to her safely your little packet for her - as also those to Mr. Rankin & Mr. Coffey entrusted to our charge.

I beg to be
Yours &c. Wm. Walker.

charge. Mr Dumasgris very well &
joins me in begging your acceptance
of our kind regards & our best wishes for
your welfare & the prosperity of your
faithful Mission to these shores.

I remain
My dear Sir's
Your obliged & faithful
W^m Dumasgris.

London - 1840



Mess^{rs} Backhouse and WalkerMonday Feb 15th 1834
Ebeneser Lake Mangumie

My Dear Friend

I herewith send you two copies each of my report of progress, and I regret much that there is not more substantial good being effected than is at present apparent - The two lads are now writing in the verandah they returned earlier than I anticipated in my report - Joseph is also returned from up the country. he says that many blacks have been shot by the Police partly in endeavouring to secure those who murdered Mr Hall's stockman, and others because they are destroying the fat cattle. It appears that a man who has been in the bush has taught them to surround a herd, and shaking their whips, while he also has taught them how to make, the rest of the tribe spear them at their will - they then cut them up, and the women smoke the pieces in the smoke of wood-fire and thus preserve them - They, the Police, fell in with a party of nearly 100 women whose nets were filled with dried beef! They afterwards fell in with upwards of 100 men who stood battle and many were shot - This is a very unpleasant business because there has been so much wanton aggression on the part of the Aborigines, which naturally excite hostile feelings

in the minds of their more powerful opponents. I believe
you have not been up beyond Liverpool plains, Joseph
perceives that the language is different from the coast
which only reaches up to Patrick's Plains, thence for
hundreds of miles the dialect is that of the interior —
Many Blacks are murdered in the interior, at the stations.
One station, Joseph is informed, is called the murdering
station, there whenever a black appears he is shot —
and if two or three come, they are sent away separately
to procure bark or something else, and an individual
days wait and shoots them singly! — But not having
any legal evidence to substantiate the fact we can
only grieve at the event, and wait until some clue
may be given to unravel this cruel mystery. It would
be injurious to write to the Attorney General or to the
Governor on the subject unless we have good proof. It
would only excite the ill feelings of those who would
vent their spleen not only against, but upon such Blacks
as came into their power — When I in Sydney I should con-
verse with the Governor and Attorney General on this sub-
ject that they might be aware of such things being
in existence — Do you go soon to Africa, if so, will
you take some letters & reports for me in a small packet
to the Missions there, and at Adige Madagascari, I shall

be obliged, if the opportunity is afforded, and they will be
gratified in hearing from me and conversing with you both.
Please to let me know — We are through money
all well excepting my wife who has been very weak
ever since the attack of Influenza last October — But
although too often murmuring like Israel of old, we have
much to call for gratitude to the Father of all our
Mercies, By Mr. Wilton I heard of your being back
again in Sydney, and hope God will preserve you
both through all your journey until you arrive at
home — Mrs. J. writes with kind regards and wishing you every temporal and Spirit-
ual blessing believe me sincerely yours

L. P. Threlkeld

P.S. Please remember us to Mr & Mrs Lawell whom
we hope with the family are well — and for whom
also there is a report enclosed —

Pitts 31st Jan'y 1838.

My Esteemed Friends

I can not permit you to leave our shores without returning my thanks for the opportunity which you have afforded by your considerate present of "Bates' Doctrine of Friends," of informing myself thoroughly upon those points upon which I had sought information.

It is gratifying & able to examine the Doctrines of a body of Christians who have, certainly as much as any other men, studied this subject, and perhaps more than any other men, have proved by personal sacrifices the sincerity of their belief in those

Doctors. That you may be given
health & strength to continue your
useful & strenuous endeavours, and
that those endeavours may be attended
with success to your heart's desire is the
wish of your friend.

George Fletcher Moore

S. Messers

James Backhouse

&
George W. Walker

Wm. Jewett at Swan River

G. F. Moore
31/1/1838

Whitchall, Perth
Feb'y 1. 1838

My dear Sir,

I have had
the pleasure of receiving
yr. kind note with
the "School Lessons" and
"School Furniture" of the
British & foreign School So-
ciety, which I trust will
be found very beneficial
in aiding education
here; The community are
now very sensible of our
great deficiency in the
means requisite for pro-
moting
Wm. Jas. Backhouse

noting education,
and the Governor
the Chaplain and
others to whom I com-
municated the value-
able acquisition you
have handed over
to the community, are
anxious that we should
profit by it, by intro-
ducing the system
here.

Pray inform me
if we have to pay the So-
ciety for what you sent
us - Also what steps are

requisite to enable
us to obtain further
aid from it in a simi-
lar way, or a School-
master trained by
them if such should
be desired by the
Colonists. F

Mr. Logue a Colo-
nist who has been occupi-
ed in education at home,
& is a Graduate of the
Irish University, having
just called in, has
been good enough to
take charge of this note, & I
should be glad you wd
communicate to him

whatever hints we
require on this
Point. I send
you by Mr. Lague

The names of members
&c. of the W. A. Temperance
Society, and remain
with the united kind
regards of the family circle
to yourself and our
mutual friend Mr. Walker,

Yr. sincere friend
S. C. Irwin

P.S. You will be pleased
to learn that Mr. Irwin
was safely delivered of a son
yesterday, & mother & child
are doing very well. - F.C.S.

S. C. Irwin
112 Mo. 1888

Perth. ²⁰ February 7th 1882

My dear Friend,

I have been several times disappointed in my expectation of meeting you again, before your final departure from us: that I might again express the pleasure we have experienced in your short visit and am wishes for your safety and happiness in your future progress, in a work, the completion of which must afford such true & heart felt satisfaction - I have also to thank you for the kind present of volumes, duly received - the perusal of which, whilst it keeps

alive the pleasing remembrance of
absent friends, may I trust encourage
a desire to follow the example of the
excellent men whose lives are their
sermons - That every blessing may
accompany you, and yours, is the
sincere prayer of, my dear friends

Yours affectionately

Alfred Weyton

I was on my way yesterday to see
you at Lymington, but detained by
a subpoena, to attend a trial to day -

To Mr. Jas. Backhouse &
Mr. G. H. Walker -

If you should happen to pass through
Dorset. I hope you will not fail to
make the house of my Father your home
- It is an invitation I can safely
offer to any servants of Christ - and
as to my eldest Brother, (Robert, an old
and sincere friend of Francis Sturges) -
he is more than half a "friend" himself -

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Tasmanian Land
Colonial Secretary's Office
30th April 1886

Sir

I am directed by
The Lieutenant Governor to
acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 16th ultimo and
to thank you for your
attention respecting the "Sudants"
a printed copy of which, as
adopted at New South Wales,
has been forwarded to the
Government by this authority
Sir Richard Bourke.

I am also directed
James Backhouse Esq
Sydney to

to acquaint you that in
accordance with your request
the Lieutenant Governor has
granted permission to Abraham
Davy to proceed to New South
Wales with a view to being
assigned to your Service - the
Man is to embark at
Launceston for Sydney by
the Brig "William" and
a communication to this effect
has been addressed to the
Colonial Secretary at New
South Wales.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your very obedient servant
John Montague

14. June. 1844.

Sir,
On behalf of the Tasmanian
Society I beg to acknowledge
with many thanks your
present conveyed through
Mr. George Washington Walker.

The work will be a very
acceptable addition to the
Library, which is more ~~for~~
particularly devoted to books
of travels &c illustrating the
Colonies, or proceeding from
the pen of colonial authors.

I have the honor to
inform you that the office

J. Backhouse Esq
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of Secretary of the Tasmanian
Society will in future devolve
upon Ronald Gunn Esq of
Launceston, who is I think
personally known to you
as a successful botanist.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant
John Philip Gill.



My Dear Sir

Herewith are enclosed eight letters - which are addressed to all the persons whom I could think of as being likely to be desirable acquaintances for you - except the members of my own family -

I have not sent any letters to them by you, because both in letters which I have written for the Porcupine - and the first Convict Ship which I have made special mention of you - you

friend - and it would therefore
be a useless repetition at a
time when I am very much
hunted -

I have altered my destination
from Gibraltar to Cadiz - having
heard that the communication
thence to Malaga is easier than
from the former - I will thus
have an opportunity of seeing
the vineyards of Xeres -

Do not be uneasy if you
find the wine Merchant is out
of town for I have got one letter
to Xeres - and I am promised one
to Cadiz also -

As I have taken an opportunity

almost in every case of writing
to the Persons to whom the
letters are addressed ^{the} some little
matter ~~before~~ besides what referred
to you I will feel obliged if you
will send ~~to~~ the letters for
Sydney or New South Wales - or by
Post - As you commence your
labours in N. D. land I think
you are not likely to quit it -
- you for 6 months at least
you will of course on your
arrival in Sydney have no
time in making my friends acquainted
thence with -

And now My Dear Sir with the
most cordial wishes for the good
health & happiness of you &
your friend. And for all success

in your Christian Mission
I bid you adieu -

Amestbury

I embark on Sunday Morning
leave the Rocks, they say at
7 A.M. about the same time
I imagine as you do.

I go from the London Docks West
side. My Wilkins.

Friday Morning - 2nd Sept.

1st Government agent in Amstbury

24th Nov 1881

J. B. M. by

23 Mary close to Rye the
May 8th 1838

Dear Sir,

Having heard
that you are on the eve
of starting for New Guilman
land, I beg your accept-
ance of a letter of recom-
mendation from my friend
Dr. J. Franklin, who I doubt
not will render you every
assistance to facilitate
your plans. Should
I not

have the pleasure of
meeting you previous
to your departure, allow
me to wish you a
pleasant and a speedy
journey, and when
you see my old friend
Captain Merriweather and
his amiable lady, do
not forget to make
my kindest regards to
them and their family.

In the hope that you
will ^{be} eminently successful
in the accomplishment
of your spirited enter-
prise. I am

Most truly Yours

Geo. B. Cook

South. W. Australia

23 April. 1839

My dear Sir,

I ought sooner to have acknowledged your letter, & the two numbers of your work on Australian Ornithology, of which your Assistant, Mr. Gilbert, was the bearer: You must set down my remissness to the account, not of forgetfulness but of the very little intercourse which subsists between this place & the Eastern world. Due to I find unfortunately that, I have just missed the only opportunity which has occurred since my arrival of communicating direct with Sydney. I write now to make quite sure of not being guilty of such an omission a second time.

The sight of your splendid work is enough almost to inspire one with a love for that Department

of natural history, which you have so admirably
illustrated. Surely never were birds of any
country done such justice to; Illustrations on
any subject, when executed in this manner,
are tempting objects, but they are doubly so when
connected with such a rich & curious country
as Australia. I shall be happy therefore to
enter myself among your subscribers. I need
scarcely ask you, whether you have been gratified
prepared for the trouble & expense of your ^{own} spirit
in venturing. Mr Gilbert tells me, that you
are much satisfied with the spirit & information
on the subject of your former present which
you have collected. He must speak for himself.
I am only sorry that we are all in such a
poor way here, as much to cripple the service
which my good wishes would prompt me to
render him. He has not been able, for at present
on the hills, at what we consider a long distance
away (60 miles) in a country where we have
not

not very many Macedonians & roads. I wish
other men of science would show themselves as
patronies in their views as genuine. We know
nothing of Australia as yet, except that it is the
Land of emus & kangaroos, & that after 50 years
possession! why the French would have had 50
books, folios & to be published by this time. Indeed
foreigners ^{Europeans} are now anticipating us, & we shall
learn from them to understand the production
of our country, always excepting the
mythology. Much of the knowledge of
the ^{part. H.A.} country is based on ignorance. The few
papers by, who have pretended to any skill in
stating otherwise, seem to hint that, we have
mistaken assemblage for reality. The trees &
plants for instance are called by the same
names as those of Sidney N. D. Land, some-
times with the same prospect as a bird is called a
Laughing Jackass. I should like much if ever
you have been are to use the Duck feather from

your captures & to hear of your progress & particularly
of your last and further discoveries. Please
remember my dear Sir yours very respectfully
Geo. H. R. H.



Geo. H. R. H.
April 23. 1859

My dear friend

Have only time to write you to
say that the birds I think go by the Isthmian
Peninsula. We have 1 Egg of a sea bird -

I hope you are well & tell me hear from
you. I wish see to every thing - I shall
have a deputy by and by and not remain
to do - God bless your family

Yours

Alfred

Sept 17



Capt. Short
Aug 19. 1839



W. G.
Capt. Short
Rt. Hon. Sir
Dartbrook
Hunters River
Sydney



Fort. Monroe V. D. Stand
20th August 1859

My dear Capt. Maas

Mr. Gould the distinguished
Astronomer has requested me to present
him with a few lines of introduction to
you - which is almost unnecessary as he is
in possession of an official letter from
the Admiralty - His head quarters have
been in the boat house since he has been
in the quarters of the world - and as he &
Mr. Gould have been staying with me
I have had abundant opportunities of
knowing them & he are excellent worthy
persons - & equally zealous in their
devotion to science - They therefore to
recommend Mr. Gould to your good offices
if he should have occasion to seek them -
I am happy to tell you that I had the pleasure

Capt. Maas
Wm. Herald
1859

✓

of welcoming ~~you~~ home Lady Franklin
& party last Evening - The ship reached
within 10 miles of Cape Pillar 17 days
before - but was driven off by a gale.
and has had her encounter very bad
weather ever since.

Lady F. tells me that I may expect to see
you here at no distant period - and
I assure you should give me pleasure
to welcome you - I am in hopes that
you may meet our friend James Ross
as I have heard by private letters that
it was supposed he would visit in July
and that this Island was to be his headquarters.
I shall be very happy to collect a few
British Friends - Believe me

my dear Ant. Smith
very sincerely yours
John Franklin

Private 33

10 Sept 1839

My dear Sir

Allow me to introduce
to you W. Gould the
celebrated Ornithologist
who is proceeding on
a scientific Excursion
to the Northern parts
of the Colony.

The official Paper
with which W. Gould
is furnished, with the
E. Mayne Esq.

your authority, for
giving him all the
assistance you can
in your public
capacity: and
for any thing further
that you may be
able to do for
him. I beg to
say I shall feel

personally much
obliged to you.

Very faithfully &c.

G. Phipps

Gov. Ross
10 Sept.
1839.

Examiner of the Court of the
County of the City of New York

Nov 1839

34. 160 Albany Ave.
Rogers Park

Dear Mr. Gould

Leaving I may not
meet you at home
I enclose herewith a
description of a song
this shot on the N. W.
Coast of Australia
which with the head
I trust will be of
service to you
Yours

also, I am anxious
to see you

in haste

Yours faithfully
Wm. H. Stokes

That time and place
for the little game
at Port Spring Point.

He shot it in the
Pitonia in Nov. 89.



seeing you, I shall send
it by the Post - -

Yours truly
Wm Lloyd Garrison

Scissors. having this
but now trusting you
will be induced to call
for the head of the ship, and
give us the pleasure of

160 Albany St.
Regent's Park

Dear Mr Gould

Fearing I may not meet you at home
I enclose herewith ~~herewith~~ a description of a
Grey-Ibis shot on the N.W. Coast of Australia,
which with the head I ~~think~~^{trust} will be of use,
I am anxious to see you.

In haste

Yours faithfully

J. Lort

~~John~~ L. Stokes

Gould Esq.

? ^{NEAT} What
? That trim ? mid and gallant ? got the
Little Goose at Port Essington

We shot it in the Victoria in Nov. 39

~~Handwritten~~

Endorsed:

I did purpose leaving this ^{but} ~~note~~ now
trusting you will be induced to call
for the head of the Ibis, and give me ? us
the pleasure of seeing you, I shall send it
by the post.

Addressed

— Gould Esq.

~~Woodstone~~ Broad Street
Golden Square

Broad Street

35 / Pat Stephens Grant 6/40

My dear Sir

Many thanks for this
I have I found your letter
which, as I was expected
home earlier, was not
forwarded to me

My best want it
appear that has been received here
on the 27 Feb - You need not
have paid it as it would have
come free -

I am a subject of great
regret to me that you have
not thought Mr Stephens worth
your notice as I should

have been happy to have
afforded you assistance &
be glad if Mrs Goulds
visit. However I know
your time is valuable &
I trust you have made yourself
master of facts which will
develop the peculiarity of
the Natural History of the
Country.

Should I obtain a
skin of the Kangaroo or
quarto you shall have it
but Mr Black has an very

large. I would bring me
a multitude of them before
the right species will turn
up. - However I will do
my best. - I am just now
going to the Northland & all
I shall be away a week
after which I will attempt
a search.

It says Kangaroo is
common here - but I have
no more of the smaller kinds
I think Edward Parry must
have obtained his specimens from
the New Mountains
Myself & Phillip King

³⁶
Dec. 27th. 1840.

Dear Sir

I originally sent
home to you the
specimens in natural
history which I collected
on the N. W Coast of New Sweden,
would you give me a
short descriptive list of
these as compared with
the specimens from the NW
which are likely to arrive
immediately from I. Thore
To J. Gould Esq. - Truly yours
W. H. C.

33 Spring gardens
Feb 22ⁿ. 1842

My dear Sir

On enquiring I find that
my packet of South Australian
birds went with Mrs Fowler
to Derby. She however
has just come to town for
a few days & has brought
John Smith Esq^r.

Some of the best of them to be
stuffed. They are not I fear
any thing extraordinary but
we shall be very glad to show
them to you if you will come
to my lodgings & look at
them. Duplicates of most of
them remain at Dury's shop
you think any of worth

your acceptance -

We shall be certainly at
home from about 4 o'clock
2. until nearly 3. o'clock
tomorrow (Wednesday)

Believe me very truly
yours

George Fowler