

114 Newcastle Street  
Farningdon Street  
London 19/12/1865.

Dear Brother  
Francis Cotton: -

I expect our Friend and  
(your) Relative Thomas Ball, may not  
now be able to write to his Relatives in  
Tasmania; as his health seems good, but  
age has crept on, and he has been obliged  
to give up his Situation, as Doorkeeper  
to the Meetings; but as he was a very useful  
and industrious, attentive Man on those  
large Premises, Friends have granted him  
a retiring pension: he now lives with his  
Son, in the Stoke Newington Road, and

DX 19/67 (4)

I trust greatly enjoys the change. I saw him  
this morning, but had not opportunity to speak to  
him, he seems in good health. Sister Mary  
was recently here for a little change, and soon  
returning home, I think has written twice  
informing us that she is favoured with good  
health. Our Nephew I think is getting on quite  
as well as he hoped in his business. The strikes  
in the Pottery, Iron, and mining Trades near  
him has at times caused a dulness, which  
we hope may not occur again. I hear the  
"Board of Works" are likely to make a New Street, thus  
our Meeting House at Westminster. I have not had  
a visit from our Nephew this year, but his clothes went  
to see him, and as he went an excursion trip to  
Liverpool, and to the Isle of Man in Summer, as his  
Cutter left him, he considers he cannot now well  
leave home. Bro. Paker from Sydney is in England, was  
4½ months on the passage. Anna Maria unites with me  
in love to you all (including Boston) - My affectionate Brother  
Thomas Cotton