

## **Papers relating to Jane King**

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Esteemed Friends

The unpleasant task of communicating to thee the sentiment of friends appointed by our M<sup>y</sup> Meeting to the care of Jane King, devolves upon me.

Our consultation has arisen in consequence of the following communication.

"William Wilson understood that Jane King had some time ago ordered of a traveller from London either two or three chests of Tea, professing that she was intending to sell that article, and also keep a dram shop. The House hearing of her situation had issued a writ against her and recovered a great part of the tea but that there yet remained a balance of some Pounds against her. He also understood that she had taken two or more houses of considerable rents one about 14<sup>l</sup> per year. That she had been much amongst the methodists and had disturbed the meetings of friends. That she had sometimes left her lodgings early in the morning and not made her appearance again 'til late at night, and he thinks once or more not returned 'til the next day, without their knowing where she had been, or her being willing to give an acc<sup>t</sup>. of herself." This

Mr. Wilson's account of the tea, & the writ, & the recovery, & the balance, & the houses, & the 14<sup>l</sup> per year, & the disturbance of the meetings, & the leaving of the lodgings early in the morning, & the not making her appearance again 'til late at night, & the not returning 'til the next day, & the not being willing to give an account of herself.

This acct. of W<sup>m</sup> Wilsons I copy from a paper  
brought to me by Joseph Smith & P<sup>r</sup>. Chester  
(I having been confined to my house for several  
weeks, except one day) To this I am desired  
to <sup>say</sup> that it appears from the whole of J Kings  
conduct since she left the Retreat, ~~that~~ she  
was not at that time quite so much recovered  
as was apprehended, and that it is very  
desirable ~~that~~ she should be accommodated  
there again. I request to be properly remb.  
to thy son Henry & his Family.

Thy aff<sup>r</sup> fr.

Jasper Capper

York 36<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month 1809 —

Dear Friend

I rec<sup>d</sup> thine of the 26<sup>th</sup> in due course and would  
replying thine to thee had this day consulted the Retreat Committee  
We previously had heard of most of the circumstances relative  
to <sup>Anna King's</sup> ~~her~~ Conduct mentioned in thine and yet we do not think her  
admissible to the Retreat. George Jepson was occasionally at Leeds  
lately and a Friend there thinks Broadhead took the opportunity  
of consulting a Medical Man who had seen much of J<sup>rs</sup> conduct &  
had attended her on some indisposition respecting the state of her  
Mind, he said that notwithstanding her instability and improper  
conduct he should not think it right to give a Certificate of  
Insanity <sup>for her</sup> as to be treated as a deranged Person. If the paper  
~~signed~~ signed by the 2 Physicians in London had been rec<sup>d</sup>  
by the Committee before she came from thence, the  
application would have been rejected, for it is far short of a  
Certificate of Insanity, & no private House under License could  
safely have received her with it. As to what is said of her not being  
quite so much recovered as was apprehended when she left the Retreat  
we know that after a little flutter of spirits on her first coming was  
got over she was as well and left the House in as sane a state of  
Mind as when there in the charge of Housekeeper <sup>and so say Mrs</sup>  
& her wife at whose house she had fallen <sup>which rather</sup> left York  
~~in confusion and being deprived of the opportunity of doing foolish~~  
~~things would be believed by <sup>persons</sup> the case so that nothing~~  
The Committee of the Retreat is therefore decidedly of opinion that  
they cannot properly admit her and the Nature of her complaint is  
such as we are doubtful will continue as long as she lives  
We see the difficult situation your Monthly Meeting is in  
but know not how to advise on the occasion

Wm Tucker  
York

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