

(uncollated) in the Nicholson MSS. (Liverpool). All of these attribute the letter to Woolman. In addition, it is attributed to Woolman in a contemporary note on the flyleaf of the first edition of Kendall's *Letters on religious subjects* Vol. I, in Friends House library. There was thus considerable evidence for claiming it when it was published. Kendall's first volume contains two other (authentic) Woolman letters.

Yet I now feel that Henry J. Cadbury is right, and that it is probably not Woolman's; the length and style sound wrong, the circumstances are unknown, and all the copies we have seem to depend on one original which may have been in error.

Incidentally, there is an excellent short biography of Susanna Lightfoot (not used in the published note on her) in *A collection of memorials*, Philadelphia, 1787, pp. 400-09; it does not, however, throw any light on the letter or on any connection with Woolman.

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