My dear Hawkins,

My name stands, I believe[,] among the incorporated members of the S.P.G.¹ Society, and it would be a kindness if at the proper time & in the proper way you would oblige me by requesting that some other name may be substituted in its place.

I write this as a private note to you desiring that the request may be as little as possible of a formal or public kind.

Believe me,
My dear Hawkins—
Always affectionately yours
H.E. Manning

¹ Society for the Propagation of the Gospel