

My dearest Love

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We have been considering the wheat supply and

demands.

With the necessary regard to our own ~~supply~~ ^{demands}.
While on this subject I may mention that Mr. Waller
has come up from the Union to ask whether your
Laborers may not receive 2^d a week more during
the very high price of Flour as it is impossible for
them to get it on their present wages - Mr. Waller
tells me that they are working extremely well and
that they ~~will~~ clear the land at the rate they are
now working at £10 per acre. I have therefore sanctioned
the addition of 2^d under the express condition of
its ceasing when the price of Flour falls. Mr
Waller reports very favorably of his Potatoe crop
for which he has been offered £2 an Ton. Your crop
is not quite so good ~~as the~~ ^{as the} Potatoes as yet.
^{one not} quite ready. They will however make a good return.
The man, Good to whom you advanced money has not
yet made his appearance. The Church is nearly ready
and when it is I will beg of the Archdeacon to go
down with me. Mr Waller has got in 10 his new
house. He has made many bricks and has found
a limestone that will do for Cement as he thinks.
There is not a happier or more contented man as
Mr Price is arranging all matters with him. ^{which}
The next point of embarrassment and interest ~~which~~
has required & received my deepest consideration
is the unauthorized occupation of the South Church
house by the Wesleyan. Angry man Mr. Dwyall
has been preaching - which the Archdeacon is the

Superintendent of the Schools thought proper to stop
by denoting the Charter not to allow the Room to be
used for such purposes - He was quite justified in
exercising this right of prohibition if he thought
proper - His having done so let the Presbyterians up
and here more so than J. Turnbull. The papers under the
control of that party. spoke of the injunction as an act
of intolerance on the part of the Archdeacon and Wadlie
was urged on by his community to wait on me accompanied
by Mr. Lachlan and ask the use of the Church on
Sunday the 12th inst. for himself - I was at that time not
in any other way informed as to the circumstances than
through the public papers - and so told Mr. Wadlie - but
I refused to communicate with the Archdeacon
on the matter - Wadlie was more warm on the point
than I had ever seen him - and more than once asked
will you refuse me - Therefore I thought proper to answer
that question, I alluded to a requisition on the
part of the Scotch for a Church at Sorrell which a few
days before had been sent back with another from
Sabbath School for amendment - about the
Presbyterians had taken due offence and attributed
entirely to the Archdeacon - though they were sent by
the advice of the Council - I told Mr. Wadlie distinctly
that considering the position of Mr. Norman and
the opposition to him originated in a party
spirit which had been fostered by bad men in
the Township, I would not but look upon the fact
of

of their fixing upon Soell as the site of their Church
as unfortunate & tending to promote discord &
discord - and that with regard to the occupation
of the School House by Mr Dugall - it seemed to be
without promise in which was to say the least
objectionable - I pointed ^{out} also to Mr Little
that Pettibone was a bad enough householder
and more required ministerial labours & watching
than Soell where there was already a Church
& a Congregational of whom I had received
many testimonies as to his piety & faithfulness
in the discharge of his duties - Why not have
fixed upon that place rather than Soell -
Mr Little grew more warm at the idea of
this sanctioning by his recommendation
any act which could give encouragement
to disunion especially towards the English
Church but he still harbored about the union
feeling of the Archdeacon towards the Scotch
Church which I would not admit but insisted
that in all he did he acted conscientiously - Mr Little
saying I would give him no decisive answer
towards about the excited feeling among his
Community and of their determination to agitate
the question - and said if agitation began he
could not answer where it would stop - My answer
to this was simply that they might do whatever appeared
to

to them best but he might say upon it that I should
not be turned from what I thought right - of a station
he modified his expression - and turned to other
instances which he thought had evinced an unfriendly
spirit on the part of the Arch-deacon towards ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~col~~
and sustained the affair at Bathurst - where this point
I reminded him that the whole question had long
ago been referred to the Secretary of State and I had
no doubt of its having been by him submitted to the
Church Assembly of Scotland and yet neither the
one nor the other had made any communication
to me - he said I would go far ^{than} I thought that
Mr. Dove was not an ordained Minister that there
was not a Presbytery in B. & L. at that time or
before his own arrival authorized to do so
Premises - He admitted these facts & by his manner
admitted his Error - He spoke of the loyalty of his
Community & of their attachment to me - and then
again reverted to the question whether I would
refuse him - I had determined or not answering
the question then - and we parted on this state
of uncertainty - but he became ^{rather} more cool -
The Arch-deacon called soon after tea and
I enquired on the whole matter and found he
had only exercised a power which he possessed
as Superintendent of the Schools in the way he
thought best & therefore not to be blamed - but I saw
from his explanation that Mr. Dwyall had acted
~~unwisely~~ ^{unwisely} improperly - I was however anxious
of

allay the excitement - which this question had
occasioned out of doors - and therefore ^{did open} ~~asked~~ the
~~question~~ ^{it} with the Archdeacon ^{a particularly} as
to allowing Willie the use of the School House
for that day & refusing it afterwards to Mr. Sugall.
He wrote me a letter on the subject of the conversation
next day - and as I found the matter likely
to make a great stir and that all the Scotch
Dissenters were about to prep on ^{for} some determinate
Settlement - as to the Management of the Schools
I wrote an immediate answer to his letter
knowing that he was going that day from Town
expressing almost a wish to grant the School House
to Mr. Little - His reply did not concur in my
wish though it left it open to me to act as I thought
best - I consider however that it was due
to him again to state my firm determination
not to do any act from which the least censure
could be cast upon him - and accordingly
wrote another letter which I sent to New Norfolk
after him - His answer together with the
others I have forwarded to you - Though the
answer was tardy & such as was to be expected
from him - I saw that the moment had
arrived for me to make another arrangement
for the Management of the Schools - My last plan

was rendered inoperative by the Clergy of the Church of
England with one exception, declining to act with the
Board & by having fixed on so unfit a man to be
Secretary as Mr. Barrow. I therefore after consulting
with Foster & Turnbull resolved on forming a
Board for the management of the schools on which
no Dissenters should be admitted and determined
on ~~making~~ forming the schools as near as circumstances
will permit after the model of the British & Foreign
School Society - which would secure the reading
of the whole scriptures - and did not admit of the
introduction of any exclusive Catechism or Doctrine
I approved however for the teaching of these
essential points. I resolved on contributing from
the public funds towards Sunday Schools to be
attached to each Church. - Though I feared in
entering this cause I should not secure the
concurrence of the Archbishop or of the Clergy
of his Church generally. I knew that Mr. Davison &
perhaps others would not oppose - and I recollect
that this model had been urged upon me by
Sir George Grey - and that Lord Glenlyon had
actually elected from Mr. School the three
teachers whom he had informed me officially
were to be set out - but neither of whom have come.
I considered also that it would meet the wishes
servants of the ~~general~~ community in general -
and set at rest the continued agitation of the
discussion of the school question. Besides I remembered

that in its spirit it was in accordance with
the despatch I had written & send gladly relative
to the College when I forwarded the letter to
Dr Arnold. - Having made up my mind I lost
no time in preparing the announcement of my
intentions to appear in the Gazette of this day.
This document I send you in which you will
read them. and I immediately wrote to the Archdeacon
then at Bournemouth to inform him of my intention
and copies of the notices intended to be submitted
to the Council. I send you the copy of his
answer and I am sure you will be pleased
with his answer which I may add increases
my respect & regard for him. He certainly
recurses my private sentiments accurately
for I should have preferred the Model of the
National School as a much attached member
of the Church of England. but I have had to
act as it God for the interest of all and for
the peace of this community -
You will see the names of the Committee
in the Gazette & can well guess why these gentlemen
have been named. The Solicitor General though a
staunch friend & follower of the Church of England
prefers the Bible being taught without comment
and to favor the New School, though a poor system

I thought it desirable to have as a member on
account of his being free from local prejudices
a gentleman in his manner & address - and no doubt
clear as he has been acting as Private Secretary
to James Stephen the Under Secretary of State - I consider
also that by bringing him forward in this way
I should give him the opportunity of seeing
the state of affairs in the Colonial Office the openness
of our whole proceedings on this question.
I feel the appointment I have in contemplation
of Mr. Hobson the Secretary to the Board will be
sure give you the greatest satisfaction.
It instantly occurred to me I was the man
reason of my following out the plan. I know
he will do the duty admirably and as both
Jefferson & I would tell him that it will
not interfere with his private practice - but
and introduce him into acquaintance
and secure his residence with the Quarter
I trust he will not hesitate to accept the
appointment which I shall offer to him by
the conveyance dependent of course on the
Council approving my propositions. The
Salary will at first be small not exceeding £200
but he will have an office & the salary can
afterwards be increased. I feel the more happy
in looking upon as I believe him to be a person
I am

of the Church of England. You must use your
influence & get him to accept it - Ronald James
will act for him if he does not return before
the ~~second~~ time the Board up matters.

When Mr Gregory heard as he said from Gilbert
Robertson that there was to be ^{such} a great change
in the management of the School, he called on me
and intimated that ^{he} did not express some
disappointment at not having been named
for the Board - and that the Bishop would be
surprised at the omission of his name. When
Mr Gregory said I have already withdrawn
your services from three Boards and further
communication to me by writing that you
could not spare time for any other duties
than those which had devolved on you
by joining the office of Collector of External
Revenue & that of Treasurer - how then could
I have requested your services in this case -
Oh replied he but I fear the interests of our
Church will not be sufficiently protected -
Why said I there is the Solicitor General as a steady
frequenter of the Church - yes - but he may be
a staunch advocate - warmer than you thought
I know that he has lately been courting ^{with} the
Atheists, Tories and is even intimate with

Gilbert Robertson from whom I told me that
with respect to the Bishop. I will tell you "an secret" that
I have received by the last dispatches an answer
given by the Queens Advocate to the point he had
raised as to the right of the civil authority
exercising a power over Chaplains in such
cases as that of Mr Bedford's case - which is
contrary to the Bishops view and which I am
desirous to send him. The examination
however as Mr Bedford is not to take place
the Sec of State having acquiesced in my
recommendation. The Bishops will no doubt
be pleased at this opinion and the Archdeacon
at Wotton (Wotton) says I have shown it
thinks they have mistaken the point of
his letter. You will find the paper
of G Robertson very bitter. The Engraving
of the Archdeacon Lons Church - and full
of misrepresentation as usual. The T. M. man
does not even mention the School plan though
I know it is the one he wants approved of.
A. R. will enjoy & malignantly stop at
he says, you will perceive that your travel
is on account of your fear about to publish
a book very shortly. I have not seen Macconochie
nor heard from him since my return - he got
some letters by the last ship - but none of any
consequence. The account which Mr. Jones
the Sec of

the Buff & the other Papers being that
Mr. Latrobe is to be appointed the Commandant
of Fort Mifflin must have dashed all his hopes
in that quarter. Mr. Hornblow who brought all
the letters I send you from your Father
Lester - has told the Chief Justice that ~~Mr~~
Maconochie would have had the appointment
but that Lord Glenelg had seen the Paper
which he had written on 10th March and
embodying therein Extracts from the ^{Official} ~~Official~~
Correspondence in this office - and that
his Lordship was so disgusted at his conduct
that he would have nothing more to do with
his being appointed. Such is the account
given to me by the Chief Justice I conform
to Foster - and I cannot but think that he
has been rightly served if he has sent home
that Paper which I saw on your table
but only read the first & second page of.
Should this account be true Lord Glenelg
will be quite prepared to expect his
separation from me & so the more be disappointed
at the contents of my letter. I really pity Maconochie
but he surely has been his own enemy - he
ought not to have thought of sending such a paper
home

home while serving in my private Secretary. His
warmest friend could not say he was a stingy
person towards me. It was impudicous as regards
himself for. repeatedly told him on the paper
out & after our arrival that Lord Glenelg
Lieut Grey & Mr Stephen spoke highly of his
conduct as a Secretary & a man.

Mr Fraser is a relative of Lord Glenelg from
whom he brought an especial letter of introduction
as well as from Mr Gordon of the Colonial Office
I remember him in the office acting at the
time we sailed as Private Secretary to Mr
Stephen the Under Secretary. He will therefore
have had full opportunities of knowing
all that had passed respecting this Colony.
He is a very gentlemanly young man apparently
of retired habits - and will prove a most
an acquisition to our Society. I asked him
to dine the first day & have since had him
to meet the public officers that he may be
introduced to them. The Chief Justice & Mr
Solicitor Genl. have already or intend
to invite him & he brought letters to Gregory
with whom he has dined. Gregory will be
of assistance to him in setting him fairly off
when he enters on his duties. which will
take place on the 1st June. I shall then
every

every attention to him - and I am glad to perceive
that he showed a fondness for zoology by the
delicacy he derived from looking at Mr
Goulds Birds. He told me indeed that he
was fond of that branch of Natural history.
Mrs Gould ^{has} presented her husband with a
little boy and both are doing very well.
Mr Gould goes off to South Australia for
a month & then returns to her. I shall give
him a letter to Col. Stuart - You will have seen
from our papers that Mr Little has been
elected President of the Mechanics Institution
and it is hoped that under his management
the lectures & general arrangements will
be more uniformly & successfully ordered.
There has been a meeting of the Committee
for the Bazaar - and it was resolved to
call a public meeting to discuss the subjects
on 15th June ^{at} which time it is thought many
of the Country Settlers will be in Town & the
Society may be fairly set afloat under good
auspices. Trust you Capt. Kings report of the
resolutions the Committee had arrived at.

Capt. King is again in high dudgeon because I have
acceded to the request of Capt. Harding and allow
the Samar to sail with two officers of the Pelorus
for the purpose of ascertaining the exact latitude
of the ^{Cape} W. as to which you may remember
Harders & Capt. P. G. King differ. - Our Capt. King
told Foster he would resign & go where he
saw which I sincerely trust he will do.
but he says Incomb would be the most
unpopular of men to appoint. - and that the
Peep would write him down. - This I believe
and I trust - how that he has taken the
precaution of the late W. Gatehouse at New Town.
that he would accept the appointment.
I look forward to the hope of having Capt.
Moriarty though I am not prepared to mention
this to him. This appointment would be
backed by everyone of the merchants -
King has taken some offence at Harding
and turns his back when he meets him. - the
latter is unconscious of having given him any
cause. - They do not speak when they meet
here the other day. - Harding enjoys himself
very much - but his principal delight is in
travelling about the country - He was unwell

on the last trip as that to remain behind
at the camp three days. But Mr. & Mr. Arthur
are much pleased with the country - and
believe the latter is now looking out for
some place to purchase on the other side
of the Island - Harding is going over to join
him at Norfolk Plains - After return here
by another route than the main line - when
they return to all of them at Port Arthur
in the return accompanied by the Chief Justice
L. Foster - In this way Harding intends filling
up his time till his officers return from
Hudson's Lake - By going over now to Norfolk
Plains he will probably be at the marriage
of John Archer Miss Abbott - Mr. Keomode Jar-
vis engaged they say to Miss Archer - a wealthy
match on both sides - - I dined yesterday
on board the Pelorus Sir J. Lauder P. & others
the Fosters & Jones - I was saluted on going
on board by Mr. Mann & on leaving the
ship she was illuminated - but our papers
after to I do not ever mention the illumination
though there were crowds to witness it -
and the people on board the ships as well as
on the shore gave out ^{days} Cheers - It thus remains
the

me to tell you that I have caused to be announced
in the Gazette that the celebration of her Majesty's
birth will not take place ~~on the 10th~~ ^{on the 10th} of June or
the 12th but on some future day to be named.

One of the men who seized the boat at Port Norther
has been captured at Flinders - and from his
account as well as from the finding of some
guns & other things that were in the boat it is
supposed the boat has been lost and the men
are on the Island - we gather also that they
had quarrelled among themselves and the Captain
was expressing his fears of one of the party
having been killed. The whole account is
so mysterious that I have sent the Eliza to
examine & report into all the circumstances
the Assistant has also taken McGowan the
Mk at George Town who is believed to be the
matter. - I have no doubt that the whole
party will be captured - now that there is
scarcely a question that their boat has either
been stove or become unseaworthy. If
prompt measures had not been taken & the
Assistant were at the time, they would
probably have plundered the Settlement or taken
the boat & captured some small vessel. That
might be saving the Island - You will see in
the

The Gazette the names of many persons who
have leased Crown Lands which have not
paid - and some of them have been debtors
for years. This announcement will be
followed by that of the names of all persons
who are indebted for lands purchased -
and have not paid because they have not
taken up their Grants - and this again will
be followed by the publication of all who
have not paid up their ^{Excise & Fees} - among
these I think have the name of ^{the P.M. of Campbellton} ~~Campbell~~ ^{North}
who trusted Wm Clerk a brother of that
Wm Emmett who was removed from the
Surveyors Office for a similar offence - A
warrant has issued for the apprehension
of this man but he has been held to Bail -
His friends have raised money in the mean
time but as the whole management of
the Money except at Campbellton is under
investigation his money has not been taken.
There has unquestionably been great negligence
on the part of Cap North - and in this respect
he is excusable - whether the blame may

be extended farther I cannot ^{tell as yet} or before the
matter has been considered in the Council
which will be done as soon as the report of the
investigation is given in - Mr Moore the late
Collector of the Customs is much to blame
for not having reported these arrears as he
had been ordered to ^{do} as I told him yesterday
when he called on me - Poor Frankland
has also his share of the blame especially
as to the means regarding the delay in the
issuing of the Grants & the want of attention
to the non payment for Leases of Crown Land.

These exposures will ensure more punctuality
for the future - I trust the present Surveyor General
will look at more sharply I am sure George
will do so as his part - The present system
of surveys will work well - but I suspect
Capt Lloyd has not quite big game enough
for the task - The plan I have introduced
of making the Diagram of the boundaries
be drawn on each Grant as well as the
~~written~~ written description will be a great
security against fraud and will I am sure
be generally approved of - though I perceive
there has not been one notice in the papers
of the introduction of this plan - You might
mention it to Mr St John if you understand the subject
differently well.

I think I mentioned to you that the part
 of the Laureston Petition regarding the
 postponement of the regulations as to
 apportionment has been received. - Which
 of course answers negatively - but
 the pressure of business has prevented ^{my answer} as yet
 been drawn - it may perhaps be finished
 tomorrow before the next date, if so you
 shall have a copy. - We are now quite
 ready for the Council and really do not
 see any ground for its postponement
 or that it could be done with any propriety.
 The proposed act to be submitted here either
 appeared or will appear in the Gazette -
 The old Gent really seems to work and I am
 happy to find he has the good sense to get
 on with the Laureston Gent. - I heard the other
 night from Mr Jones - that the old Gent is
 under a promise to Mr Stephen Beecham
 with him if he should get a Judge ship here
 I do not see any immediate prospect of this
 for Mr Justice Montagu yesterday ^{pur-chasing} Mr. Montagu
 cause which does not look like going home.
 There was really no par between him & the
 Laureston Gent in what the other day.

I have now given you a general account
of all that can interest you or public
matters - and shall leave to Miss Williams
& Eleanor to write on domestic matters -
I am happy to say however that we all
get on quietly & smoothly -

I was truly rejoiced by the interesting account
of your journey up to the Gaultburn and
to have been those to whom I have read
it - A report was reported this afternoon
as coming in supposed to be the Marston
Watson and I took back most anxiously
for the accounts she brings - here I must
close for the present having been writing
several hours - after my days work -

Saturday 11th May The report supposed to be the
Marston Watson proves to be from Port Phillip
of the 7th May and the Commanders say there have
been no accounts received from you since you
left the Gaultburn I conclude therefore that you
are by this time at Sydney - and shall look most
anxiously for ^{your} next arrival - I send you
letters from my land brought by Mr. Thornloe -
which I perceive are from all your immediate
family & friends - I heard from your Father &
Sanny - your Uncle and from Mr. Mackintosh -
Fanny

writes to me in her usual way as to the investment
 of her money - and supposes every difficulty to
 be thrown in her way where there is a direct
 contrary feeling - Mr Mackintosh writes to me
 to day that Mr Simpson as his own agent
 advises inform him that as a trustee he
 cannot properly part with the money unless
 to a Co trustee - and as the money cannot be
 invested in any game in the country, it is
 extremely doubtful whether it can be sent -
 certainly not without his being legally exposed
 as well as myself for any misapprehension
~~could~~ be in its being settled through Agents -
 Both the 2 having object to its being placed
 in Bank shares - She says the objections are
 all purposely made by Mr Simpson and
 looks with ^{the} jaundiced eyes as the delay -
 and says why cannot he be employed on Mortgage
 for 2 years or 2 1/2 years as long as you
 stay - I shall write by the next ship and give
 her my opinions - Mr Mackintosh who is most
 desirous to do every thing he can to assist her

evidently thinks the money he would
 be hazardous for himself - your father has
 kindly accepted all the bills for £500 -
 Mr. MacArthur took office & come up from
 Brighton & spent here but he did not dwell
 it - I shall write to Mary & do all that
 you wish - I had a letter from Beach
 who has at last received a letter from me
 and is quite pleased - but a word in his
 letter about Macaonachie - but there was
 a letter from him for Mr. Macaonachie - He is
 ordered to Jefferson at Leamington - I see a
 Committee of the Royal Society have waited
 on Lord Melbourne & request that an
 Expedition to the North may be fitted to make
 magnetic observation - which James Ross
 will command - This is one of the stations
 named - I hope he will come -

The post closes soon I must say Goodbye
 now - Give my affectionate love to Sophy
 on these kind regards to all your party - I shall
 write if possible to Robert & this mail - if not
 will you mention the Secretaryship to these
 Ever most affectionately
 William has just called to thank
 me for the prompt decision respecting the

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