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With kindest regards to  
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W. L. Clark  
H. B. Baker -

Alfred Deakin III

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My dear Clark

Thank you for your most interesting and apt judgements read with very great pleasure and most valuable for us in appeal. You will have seen the unexpected turn events have seen Barton altered his mind and has gone to the Bench - with but three judgeships the appointments under these conditions were inevitable. I only hope that some of the important cases for the High Court will originate in Tasmania so that after all we shall have the benefit of your learning and ability. We have a hard row to hoe ministerially now that in the very face of the elections we are compelled to reconstruct. I have no desire whatever for the position thrust upon me under these circumstances -I can only do my best.

My kindest regards to Mrs Clark, your family and yourself.

Yours very truly

Alfred Deakin

Mr Justice Clark  
Hobart