

13 August 1831

Dorset Bank

My dear Father

I duly received yours of the 10th Mr Adey and myself filled up the tender for Renting the Land I sent it up to Mr Frankland directly. I wrote to you last week mentioning some Hops & the price that Mr Adey expected but he said it would leave them to the Robertson's and I have enquired of those and they tell me from 35⁰/₁₀₀ to 40⁰/₁₀₀ would be a very fair remuneration, for him. I have made several enquiries about the Hops sent from Stracey's he has got a receipt from the seller, but he has not received accounts of some other Goods having reached their destination that were also sent by him, I consider I shall write safe for a month, I could not obtain you any good Sugar for less than 2 per lb I am sorry Tobacco turned out so bad as I examined it and it appeared quite sound to me, the Tea I have bought of Mess^{rs} Robertsons at £9⁰/₁₀₀ per Chest, as you shall have them by the first safe conveyance, I am much pleased to hear of your purchasing such elegant improvements at Rosedale, why I shall hardly know it again when I come into the Country, Mr Adey will be able now I think to attend to his Duties

In about ten days, I mentioned to him that you
would be glad to see him, he he says he shall not
be able to spare time to get up so far in the country
but only proposes going to Major Delgillan's and
stay there 2 or 3 days. You ought to have had
letters by the last ships as many have arrived
lately but suppose my uncle is not aware
of the many vessels sailing from London
Good fat sheep are at present selling in
Hobartson at 13 & 14/ I suppose from
your getting scabby you have not a
supply for the market

With best love to you all

I remain
your dutiful Son
W. B. Drake

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13 May 1771