

Dumfries Bank 3 Sept. 1831

My Dear Father

Mr Wallis having kindly offered to convey this letter to you I have taken the opportunity of writing by him. I wrote you on Wednesday last by Lieut Skardon, & informed you of sending packages by Allen the Carrier, Mrs Adey's novel she desired you would return by the first conveyance after you have read it, as she has many applications for the Loan of Reading it, I send enclosed Mr Adey's aut for the Hops & I suppose you will send him the Bill down, I was very glad to learn from Mr Clark that he had bought sheep from you at 14/6 per head I think a very good price, but if you have any more to sell you will readily obtain 15/ if Mr Adey has got well enough to come down stairs and attend to the looking over of his business he has sent Mr Wallis, as Deputy to assist him and we have a new collector who came out to Mr Hamilton with letters of Introduction, I have gone back to my own business which was getting into wear, I have had an attack of the liver complaint & am obliged to take Calomel as a precaution, I find my position of leaving of the Ledger a very unhealthy one as during the short days I am totally prevented from taking exercise, on the Kings Birth day

I rode as far as New Norfolk to visit Mr & Mrs
Lindley and was much benefited by my excursion,
but had a head ache all the time I was there
owing to the exercise of Riding. If the Shareholders
wish me to remain in the Bank I must apply for
increase of Salary, for I find after giving up half
the voting I should only have enough with the
greatest economy to support me, If I then had much
better be at home for I might be of some assistance to
you & then Hobarton is such an unhealthy place
I might die here before you even knew I was ill -
I think wheat will fetch a good price as the supplies
are getting scarce on this side & there has been a
rise in the Sydney market.

I hope the men turn out useful
tho' one of them is a thorough bred slow man -
Our Swan River Messenger is going to leave the Bank
he has served his time to a Bricklayer & Plasterer -
I told him you would be likely to give him a job
as he can make himself generally useful in shearing
sheep and harvesting but his expectations at present
are much too high he expects £6 per month I told
him £4 would be as much as he could expect now
with his board included, as he would have the whole
to receive and live at any little expense for Cloaths &c.

with my best love to yourself My Mother Sister
& Brothers

Remain
your dutiful Son

V. B. Sealle

P.S. I have just seen Mr. Perry who sends his best
respects to you and my mother &c. &c.

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hon^d by

W. Miller Esq

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Mr. B. Jones