

October 12<sup>th</sup> 1831

Danvers Bank

My dear Father

In answer to yours of the 18<sup>th</sup> Mr Clarke not having seen the Billocks and he has not heard any thing from Mr Ladds he will only offer 5 per cent sinking offal weighed in Hobarton now that would be only about £87 according to your account of the estimate weight, and then you would have the trouble of sending them to Batlands by the 17<sup>th</sup> Instant, Now I have been to Smith yesterday and to day he has given me an answer to say he has no objection to take them away at your own price, provided his man thinks them worth the money, It is not the man that saw them last but a fresh man named George Gadd. That I started early yesterday morning for Capt Allison's to draw sheep there, and he has also written by this post to him, so that you may as well send over to him, and I have agreed with Smith that the man's receipt will be quite sufficient for him to accept the Bill.

I am sorry your Turnips are soon short for Hobarton has had a very plentiful supply of Stuffed Beef and it will do your bullocks no harm to keep them on dry food for a week or ten days even fresh straw, as the distance of driving is so far, that when we have the meat in Hobarton it is generally so heated that it turns quite like a rotten Turnip in a week or ten days.

Mr Clarke complains much of the Sheep he says they are poorer than when he bought them, and attributes the fault to the shepherds as they are so fond of digging. Robert may have been a very good Shepherd himself but he does not know how to look after them as he does violent with the Sheep. I wonder you did not keep all the Saleable wethers at home during the winter as the hunting ground is such a bad winter Run.

I shall not be able to get you any allowance for the Tobacco as Mr Pratt has unfortunately paid the 1/2 per lb duty

and I send you up the amount sent in some  
Abraham Carol sent up 2 days ago but he was  
unfortunate in not getting the Tobacco <sup>as he had none</sup> out of  
Bond, just that day and you would not wait  
until he could get one his I believe is the  
only good at present and assuredly that he  
has not had a single complaint.

Samuel has paid his overdue bill in the Bank and is quite  
good again but he has his name to a good deal  
of Paper, I have just looked and find it <sup>at</sup> £720 left than  
I expected, considering the many Bills that are  
stirring about, Mr. Mulgrave goes to hold his  
Court of T. sessions at Campbell Town either this  
or next week I suppose you will have the  
pleasure of seeing him, he is one of the most  
affable of the Aristocracy & is very fond of  
good Coffee with hot tea by you etc

Remain

Your dutiful Son

W. Blake

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John Lake

River Elizabeth

12 Oct 1872



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