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My dear Father

I received yours of last week
with your letter to my uncle William I shall
send by the Mary which sails next Wednesday
or Thursday, by the bye, if you are going to draw
upon England now is the time as good private
Bills are at present at 2% premium & if you
send yours P.C. return of post I have no doubt
but Mr Adey will dispose of them for you -
I have sold 4 pieces of your cloth 2 to Fraser
& 2 to Mr Gardiner at 25% which is as much
as can be obtained in the market at present
Mr Fraser got the piece of damaged blue
at the lower price as I found the salt water
had gone entirely through the piece
I expect to see a couple of pieces to morrow to

the Robertsons, as they have promised to come and try to bargain for them they are such sharks, that they expect things at movie price - I should have wrote to you last post but the Horns promised me they would go on the Friday that, I did not write it post

Mr Adey respects to you and has seen Mr Gardiner, who will now deliver the hundred Ewes which were short, and would be much obliged if you would allow Robert to pick them out & mark them as Mr A has made some arrangement with Mr Stocker about grazing some of his Sheep, Stocker's man will fetch them away when he takes some of his master's sheep to Mr Adey's farm, they had better be rounded up as they will then be easily known.

we have had very bad weather here lately
yesterday and to day are the only fine
days we have had, you give a very amusing
account to my uncle of your rural employment
and I am very much obliged to you for the high
compliments you pay me.

I have enquired about the oil paint
for your Rooms and find a Salmon colour
will be the easiest & best made here -

It will require 5 coats but the
2 first may be white -

With best love to you all I remain
your dutiful son

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