

Dorset Bank 20th Decr 1811

My dear Father

I write to you by the post & take the opportunity of sending my mother the cambric purchased by Mrs Ady by Mr Hugh Ross as he has kindly offered to convey any small parcel I might send to you & I have had no opportunity of sending you the corn screen as yet, The Tobacco Stokell sent off to you some days ago by Atlas the carrier Three vessels have arrived from England two with prisoners male & female and one with merchandise and fifty kaponzer's oil is lower but Wool maintains its price, so that you may have a better chance of selling well than before. I am just going to enquire at the post office for English letters from Hull and if there are any for you they will be in this Parcel. Jorgen Jorgenson got me to

L^o Mrs Lew
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subscribe to his work & therefore make it a
present to you, I have no doubt Smiths man
has arranged with you for the bullocks as
meat is so very scarce at present and I have no
doubt but sheep next winter will fetch a
pound per head if they are in good condition
we are to have no more prisoners here after
this year as they are going to send them all
to Bermuda and the West Indies, Col. Arthur
is to remain here 7 years longer at a reduced
salary from £2500 to £1500 being £1000 per annum
less and the £500 a year gentlemen are to have
£100 + £500 per annum we are also to
have soldiers if we chuse to pay for them
and in every respect maintain ourselves.
Capt. Swanston & Mr. Loane have just arrived
from Sydney, and General Darling is not
going to pay us a visit as was expected

but going to England by the way of China -
I have no letters from Rosedale since yours
of the 8th about the Bullocks. Mr + Mrs Hooy
are going on Thursday to Major Delgillans' next week.

Mr A is still obliged to wear his Robes continually
(a large cloak) as he is not by any means strong
but when the weather settles I have no doubt but
he will be as well again as ever, I suppose you
will have seen our fellow lodger Mr Woodgraw
Mr Louns wanted sadly to persuade Mr Lord to give
his Room up to him so that he must not remain
so long away if he intends to keep his year.

The last three or four days we have in Westmore
had abundance of Rain and I have no doubt
but you have had the same at Rosedale
and if so you no doubt will see every thing grow
& have abundance of grass as well as the prospect
of a luxuriant harvest. with best love to
my mother, sister, brothers, & yourself.

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your Obedient Son
W Blake

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