

14 December Hobarton 1831

My dear Father

It is with pleasure I send you all the letters that have come by the parcel from Uncle William, Arthur, John, the Berlin cross & chain is not in the parcel, & I shall send up the magazines and Book of first opportunity I was so eager to learn about the wool, that I opened Uncle Wm's letter, the Eliza from Hobarton is expected to sail in a few days and I shall write to them, you may still have time to send a letter in return, Mr Wells is coming to look at your wool, I suppose from Bennett's house. I should think you will get 15 which will pay better than sending it to England this year, I had expected to have heard from you last Monday in reply to my hints to you regarding the land, as also Mr Bridges farm, & D Pearson has not yet sent the money over but tendered bills, which will not be accepted, & I am told that if it is not settled to day it will be open for another offer, and my view of the land, by looking at the chart it seems to be a most desirable acquisition for the hunting ground, and I know very well the Discount Bank would with pleasure discount your note for the money so as you might be able to pay Mrs B. for she has had suff^t of bills & a pretty expense the Royal of Woodcock has been to her, I am glad to inform you his life is saved.

about changing my own land, if the Government
will allow it, it is the best thing I can do, for I
never should think of lying in such a wilderness
place as the North East amongst the natives -
We have had plenty of Rain in Hobarton this last
week and I hope you have had the same in the
Country, you will have a ^{much} better autumn
as regards the crop of grain, I hear from Mr Gellibrand
that all the grain crop in the neighbourhood has
failed, and he will have to buy this season, there is
also a great consumption for Horse corn, as every
carrion now travels with Horses, Capt Swanton
is elected managing Director at a salary of £500 per annum
Stephen Adey Cashier £300 + Joseph Dixon Auditor £150 per annum
These are all the elected officers, Mr Waller is to be a
Teller at £100 per annum and all the voting, + a Mr
Horneiman Mr Hamilton perhaps to be collecting clerk.
You all of you seem sorry that I should have given
up my situation, even Mr Gellibrand offered to
apply for an increase of salary to £200 per annum
but he said he should no doubt be outvoted by a
majority of votes, I did not see any use for
my remaining in Hobarton for honor only, as my
situation was worse than ever, and double work
to do, besides Adey is so very feckless now and
Swanton has all his business to learn, I shall be
so pleased when I get my discharge, I have at present

a great deal to do to get all square by the 31st Dec.
I had very nearly the pleasure of seeing you, but I
could not get leave, as the Doctor said there was no
actual necessity, for I was to have had the honor of
escorting a Lady (Miss Hynd) to Chiswick, the
circumstances of the case are these, Mr F M Loane left a
Mr Kinsman (Barister) ^{agent} agent for his property and he
has been speculating with his money, and accepting
bills for Loane which he cannot take up, which
has quite incurred Loane as he had lent him his
name on a £200 bill which somehow has gal-
lanted to £200 and is now out on his recognizance
to appear against the charge, Miss H had some
time ago quarrelled with her brother in law
and gone to Kinsmans, and it would not be
possible for her to return there, & I should have had
leave to have taken her up the country but
Mr Dixon could not attend for me, he being engaged
to Mrs Robitions until the end of December
There was a match made by the lady and a Mr
Parker a great scamp, but I suppose her blinded
all his bad qualities indeed it would have been
quite a disgrace to herself and Friends if she
had been united to low a bad man, but as I
am sure she merely did it for want of a loom
she will see through her folly and break it off as well
as she can, which can only be done by leaving where
she is. I wish to the Hornes had not and expect their
answer on Friday next

The town is now busily employed in the famous
Treaty Sunday versus O'Connor, Stephen for Sunday &
Gallibrann for O'Connor for defamation of Character
I wonder you were not called as a witness at
you noted the Note, it was one of the Bills that
Young has acted as Clerk for Tuesday and
about some property of Hugh McSheas that
was sold, ^{by execution} after a promise had been made that
it should not be. You would by the Captain will
not have to bear an expense the ship having
arrived before the insurance was effected and being
only the Channel ^{premium} at 25%. The Cholera Morbus
will no doubt have a good effect in raising the
present price of wool but if a continental supply
should come pouring in after that is blown over,
it will fall very suddenly, and under the present
circumstances I should advise a sale here
the other newspapers are of the same or are date
of the one enclosed that to prevent the parcel
being too cumbersome I have only sent one
and with my best love to all at home

Remain

your dutiful son
W. Keble