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Hobart 3 Jan 1831

My dear Father

I received your letter of the 31st instant and called upon Mr Wills but could not find him, I mentioned to Mr Adey that I wanted to see him about some land, he has had I believe some more eligible offer, that he cannot come to a conclusion, ^{want} I will however go to the Survey office and ascertain whether the land is taken or not I should rather suppose it was a boat of persons as you cannot be turned off without some notice, It is so unfortunate that these are the two busiest days in the half year with me as I cannot get away during business hours that I have not had time to see Mr Thomas and after 4 o'clock nobody is to be found, I gave Mr Adey your note he says that he is himself restricted not to give more than 14⁰ he would pay for the casting to Launceston, and perhaps he would give you the money, if that would suit you the accounts of wool are very good now it is generally selling at 27 per lb. You might now dispose of your Bills upon England but you must draw them at 30 days as that is the decided objection their being at a longer date, the Eliza will not sail before the 14th instant I have no doubt I could obtain Cash for them indeed in the present state there are very few good bills, as every person seems to suit him self according to the proceeding of the law, for instance there is a execution now in the Court, and nothing can be done till April to that now nobody pays.

* WB thou relate to the sale of wool Stock & C^t Laying over Davidson £300 & Taylors £500

I am sorry that we are so unfortunate about
the land, as we are generally too late, I have
not sold my horse and purpose coming home on
it myself therefore need not trouble you to
fetch me in your gig I paid £2 for breaking
him in to go in harness some time ago as
he is of so quiet a disposition ^{the cost £36. 18. 0}
and without ^{this is saddle & bridle} I could have sold the whole, without
loss I had better keep them I hardly know what
my Bill at Mr. Lord's will be this quarter but I
have made an estimate and £50 will be all that
I owe, I got your bills discounted in ample time
to pay all your demands upon the Bank -
I am at present so very busy that I have not time
to explain all as I could wish, for I am in
such anxiety to get the books to Balance at
any rate I should not think of leaving town
before next Tuesday I expect to be occupied the
whole of this week with the Bank business,
Abraham Cavile is going to take up my things
if I can get them ready time enough as
also the magazines -

With best love to my mother yourself,
my sister & brothers remain your
obedient son
W. Bleake