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Glenora Mt Gambier June 5. 1848

Dear Father.

I sadly received yours of the 1st April a fortnight ago. it had been detained at the Glenely three weeks for Inter colonial Postage I have sent my Diploma by this post to be registered. As soon as it is gazetted I intend looking out for a Better Locality in some more populous neighbourhood. Patients have to come such a Distance here that 2 a week is the highest average. I have not made more than \$25 since January in Prosk Settlement, Cash since Jan. However the month was occupied in my Journey to Pottland and visit to the Glenely & Warronee. I do not see that there will be any Advantage in staying much longer here as there is no prospect of Population increasing so long as the Mining Speculations in Adelaide continue. There will not be provided in Sections or connected to agricultural Purposes at least in this Part of the Territory. As soon as the weather improves I shall go again to the Glenely and visit the different Holdings & see if they will

great encouragement to me to settle there
by promising me their support in the
way of a yearly agreement. There are
two places I think would suit on
the fringe on Embury's village & Rossett
in June 3 miles from the young's. The
Settlers there are not more than 6 or
7 miles on an average from each other
& all married people with families
in that in addition to Practice there
would be a little society. The labouring
Population too are mostly married then
there are only two Irregular ^{Practitioners} ~~Practitioners~~
Isaac Conroy & Poyass in the District
so that young there as a regular Medicine
Man I think I ought to obtain the
Practice at least of the respectable
Part of the Community. There is a Settler
a Dr Barker about 20 miles from the
young with a very good Patients who may
come to him & keep an Hospital for
their accommodation but does not go
out to attend Practice. I met him
at Mrs Hucks and he showed me to
visit him he told me I would

be very glad if any respectable Medical
man would settle about that neigh-
bourhood as he would then give over his
Practice altogether as he found it a great
Inconvenience preventing him from attending
to his school. He says 5 to 600 per annum
might be made easily. When I have
been gazetted I shall go up there and
see what can be done. I have a
good supply of Medicine of the best
quality which I obtained from Adelaide
last week & have been busy ever since
putting them in order. I have also ord^d
some Instruments & more Books from
England so that in another 12 months
I shall be I hope completely fitted out.
I feel very much the want of some
New Medical Books to read & hope you
will send our names as soon as they
arrive to the care of Messrs
Mr Conicks Banker Roberts Agent.
I have sent you over two packets of Seed.
1. *Thunbergia* a ^{splendid} ^{flowered} ⁱⁿ ^{offspring} flower. from the
great Australian Desert. to be grown in
light sand in the greenhouse. & a yellow
flowered evergreen *Acacia* I believe found

I hope to hear next letter that Mann
is better and that you all continue in
good health. I shall answer
your letter next post as I have a good
deal to write & must by a get some
large paper. I remain your affectionate
friend
W. C. Hamilton

Mr. L. L. M.
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John Deane
P. P. L.

Here it is hardy & slow in the beginning of
winter. Robert & Edward are both well & gone
to Adel and overland in about a fortnight
I believe he has to look after a lawsuit
with Mr. Rutledge of Port Jervis about the
full payment of an agreement for the
purchase of Mooloochee from Rutledge