



If I lose the wool our loss will be  
£700 that is if the wool clears 1/3 in  
England which I have no doubt it will  
as it was with get up 5000 lb of  
Lamb's wool he fortunately did not get  
it sold it for cash. By and by it  
I have no doubt we should have  
sold by any other merchant in Adelaide  
if we had disposed of the wool in the  
same way for they are all failing  
one goes makes all the others go -  
Adelaide is in a terrible state I do  
not think Steir is a man in business that  
that ought to be trusted £100 just how  
we have had some fine Lams lately  
which were much wanted for our  
stock were falling off very much with  
the dry weather.

You might be sent as letters by  
Cassell's sailing from Hobartton we  
have not had any for some time from  
home - I'd like quite well and  
our stock is also doing well  
and if it had not been for the swindle  
act of Lewis we should be doing

as much as could be expected -  
I paid Mr Smith £45 in commission on  
freight he paid for you (is it correct?)  
in April 1858 -

I would have made arrangement to have  
sent the wool through Coarby, only that  
I had to be had had his bid returned to the  
amount of £20,000 -

We pay our shepherds £25 p annum with  
lotion. We can get second rate men for  
£18 to £20 p annum - We shall soon have  
land down to 5 p acre - now that the  
delusion is over Government find they  
cannot sell any land at 20/ I have got  
a section of 80 acres <sup>a few and half</sup> at 35/ I think  
it would make a home station for you  
got it the other day and though it may  
command a sea for 1000 sheep, I  
fear it is not worth my while <sup>making selection</sup>  
to take it - - - -

Adelaid March 17th

I received your letter of the 19th Jan. I am sorry  
to see that you have had a fall from your  
horse I am afraid that you would  
not find an opportunity in Adelaid; Mr Gibbs told  
me that Mr W had failed in some way  
connected to my with me he had on I think been  
the horse which with through us back very  
much we shall be obliged to sacrifice some stock  
to pay our past due bills and current expenses  
our past due bills amount to £200 - they may  
be with leave ten shillings in the pound that  
I do not think he will have to be paid to be  
satisfied especially in my case -

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John Leake Esq  
Gen. Campbell's Son  
Old Saumer's Land

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W. D. Leake  
March 7 1852