

Thomson - June 25 - 1845

My Dear Father

Charles wrote to Detroit
 a few days ago - He appears better
 to like the country. He does not
 look the worse for being in it.
 I've started for ~~the~~ Portland ^{with} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~officer~~ ^{officer} &
 a boy for supplies & Rivoli Bay
 is now open to small vessels being
 brought supplies for some of the
 Adelaide settlers in this neighborhood
 it is only 30 miles from Lake Lee the
 Portland is 100 from the Lake - we shall
 endeavor to ship our wool from Rivoli
 Bay - I expect we shall have about 160
 bales I have written to the Reed for bays
 and also giving him to understand I
 shall want to draw upon him in July or
 Augt - for balance of advance

we lost about 1000 sheep and
lambs by the Blacks. I'm disappointed
by whom. The Blacks to her bow about
the stations they took 300 young
weasels by force. The weas and lambs
were taken by stealth, I wrote for
some guns. The men are continually
travelling them, those Mr Reid sent last
winter are nearly all broken, I shall
make them pay for them.

I hear flaming account from Melville
about the mines Capt Hayes has
£1000 of capital got up at his
own the year 1820 for an 80
acre section adjoining his mine & set forth
with a mine on it. I hope we shall
have a good market for meat
weasels are selling them for 10/12/
I sold a few weasels to a Boston
butcher at 9/6 he has got
our sheep. I shall be free of mind
and have a prospect of a good
clip.

If you think your Phases troublesome
the good ones that you did not want
for work would pay to send over
here as they would be kept without
any trouble or expense and there is
very little risk in bringing them
over at the proper season or I have
plenty of room

We still continue to pay high wages from
£25 to £30 p annum - with ration -
and then not very good shepherds of
the Adelaide Government are going to
send us four Horse policy which will
be good to the extent; I happen to say
we did not loose any part by our
deal. An Adelaide Merchant came forward
and paid our assessment £44-

I have applied for 141 Square Miles
or 93440 acres -
My kind Love to My Mother and I hope
you shall have the pleasure of eating
the peaches honey and apples when
I returns from Portland. which will
be quite a treat - - -

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ill but I trust that you will not want
to see her. I am sure that you will
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