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My dear Father

I have received your of Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

I have written to Peter Shimp  
him that he should send the wool  
through him -

I am glad to see you got a  
good price for your wool -  
Charles has been of great use  
to us and I think our wool  
very clean even compared with  
yours in Vt. - I suppose he will  
soon be over -

I wrote to you <sup>some time</sup> though the letter  
we can only go by the mail -  
I was wishing to know if  
we could borrow £1000 or  
£1500 we might wish to borrow  
to purchase land with if the  
S.A. Co. should put up any portion  
of our sum I should like to see  
with them, the land is good -  
I should prefer the thing as long  
as possible and I would not go  
much above the minimum price  
as grazing land is not worth it  
much - beyond a home station  
our wool will bring us near  
£3500 - and we have 2000 weathers.

for Adelaide or Bel-

I expect to be able to ship wool  
to London - at 1/2<sup>d</sup> freight - I shall  
not have any wool down before long  
I write to Reed to insure about  
30000 - it ought to be insured at  
1/10<sup>d</sup>.

Adelaide appears to be all excitement  
about the mines.

I am getting so keen up here  
as to get fast - we have seen yet  
to get many neighbours down in crowding  
Kewley as to the prospect.

I must conclude in haste - the mail  
closing - with love to all at Home

Remain your  
affectionate  
son

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