

Mooring, Nov 24 1865

My dear Father,

I wrote you when last in
Adelaide. Charles is still with us
and will be for a week or so.

I think he likes his country. He
is going down to the station to buy
500 Head of Cattle if we can

get them reasonable. We have
plenty of tan for them and a

thank to you (Adelaide).

We shall finish shearing in 2 days
and shall have fully 100 Bales
of good clean wool. I know

nothing better.

My wool keeps up I shall show you 1/2
off on it - I have given Reed a
large order for this next year
I find some things high to what
they are in the town and I will
send you the guns I got yesterday. If you
have not paid for them deduct
for one of the double guns, it having
a bad lock which requires it to
be half the value I would have
sent it back to you if it ^{might have} ~~been~~ ^{more} ~~worth~~
^{up} ~~the~~ ^{value} ~~of~~ ^{it} ~~the~~ ^{others} ~~are~~ ^{all}
~~right~~, they are too expensive to give
to the Indians, they have broke every
gun I have scold out to them as

It would be a great saving to
not to ship from Bristol Bay.

The bag is quite as safe as Fort Knox
I must do it next year I would
like if I could have managed about
insurance I intend going to Australia
next May we shall have some
business for the first time -
we have lots of green grass - but
some of the country is rather wet with
fog & rain for summer. At first thinking
instead of irrigating I suppose you
have been getting on well this last
year - you never need expect more
than ^{that} for wheat on an average - there is
plenty of good land for wheat in O'Connell

With kind love to all at Home

Believe me yours

we are well here I ^{affectionate} love
and Charles go to spend
Xmas with our neighbors in Strat.

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