

April 20th 1887 Glenelg

My Dear Father

As the African sails to-  
morrow. I cannot give you any dis-  
cription of the country as yet having  
only been on shore a day and a  
half and been busily engaged  
landing the sheep - we had a  
long an stormy passage being  
eighteen days having lost 400  
sheep out of 1050 - 86 men out  
of 119 - I made notes on the pen-  
- size

page, about transporting stock  
which I shall send you as soon  
as I have a little more leisure  
what I have seen of the country is Glen  
clog which is a fine flat country  
of a sandy ~~loamy~~ soil and Mt. Loft  
at a distance of 6 miles appears to ~~be~~  
be a fine range of sleep hills  
but of course being so short a time in  
the country I can judge but little  
I shall give you all particulars  
in a month or two -- I do not ~~think~~  
that I gave you the particulars of  
my engagement with the South

Australian Company I get £100  
per annum with meadow more on Judge  
I have a house or two in it  
There is an agreement drawn out by Mr  
W. K. who signed by myself and Mr Giles  
being under the direction of Mr Samuel Stephens  
Colonial Manager for the P. & A. C. - it expressly  
states principal superintendent of their stock  
and also at an increase of salary. I have  
not seen Mr Giles yet I shall see him  
to-morrow he is living at Adelaide 7 miles off  
you can tell whether I saw Mr. G. by night  
but had little <sup>time</sup> to converse with him I am in  
good health and spirits hope my  
yours are all so at Rosedale I write  
with my love <sup>My Mother</sup> to my brothers & Sister  
Dear Mother of mine  
Gould & Co. Auctioneers  
P. & A. C.

9/ John Leake Esq  
Rose Well  
New Campbellton  
Highland Van Diemen Land

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20/6/37

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May 1<sup>st</sup> 1837  
R. Leake