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Mooring. Belling-Mt.

My Dear Father -

I have just received your short letter - of 1st Sept. we are now busy shearing having shorn about 5000. The wool is very clean and free of burr and dirt. though light the season appears to have not very good. My mind with the post, though my weather is favourable to us - as we have generally to much wool for sheep - I think to take it with the sheep we have our wool serried up into - making tolerable bales - I think I shall be able to get my advance on the wool in Portland last year - I did not get more than $\frac{1}{2}$ the value had I had the short - an establishment like ours ought never to be without 2000 cash below - kept high and secure in this respect the best Gambier country is isolated below - has been plenty for in Adelaide -

John is writing to Brock - enclosing some
sketches of our place - I am miserable with
my leg - suffer from Rheumatism in the hip - and
my face keeps getting worse I shall have to have
the nail soon out - Ed and John are quite
with John is doing very well as far as the population
goes - I think he has made \$5000 -

we are not so much out of the way of hearing
news as when I first settled here - we
get 4 different papers weekly - and some
are published twice a week - The rail between
Sidney & Adelaire goes past my door -

I am very much in want of a young
man to assist out stores and fill up his
time with any other sort of employment of
a sort worthy notice - Mr. M. has more
than he can do - and Ed is gone to help
you my large station - If you could
get me a suitable person I would like
him - I would give him ^{£50} ^{per annum} with his board

a county person preferred - Methodized & -
this being such a lawless place -
a man would have to be sent 500 miles
to undergo any slight punishment that he
might be sentenced to - men here
are continually breaking their engagements
we have a deal of trouble with them
at this time - there is a want
of labour felt throughout N. Wales -
though they cannot pay anything like the
wages we do - I am paying 4 1/2 pence
to farmers - and 15 pence for ^{land} ^{and} ^{fuel} ^{and} ^{ploughing}
with from 30 to 40 to the load -
I expect we shall have labour short
after ploughing we are much short of making
it is so far to bring at present prices
of wool -

My kind love to my Mother and to the
Sisters -

My Love to the
I have your
affectionate
P. B. Williams

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