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Portland Oct 16-1847

My Dear Father

I have just received your letter
of Oct 15 - I learned from Adelie's letter
that I got the fine current of 15 May 1000
pounds yester day 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb clothing 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb comby
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb - These are the highest fares I can get -

I have taken an attorney here for the
mines cliff - I do not expect to have
to refund in lost wool I only got 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
ounces - I expect to have money to secure
Adelie is going ahead with her
mines - 80 days are sometimes leaving
at once at the ~~the~~ Brown Bear mine taking
3 tons each - One person is said to be
worth £10 000 of annum being of incash
£2000, 3 years ago - in £5 shares they
are now selling at £140 & £5 shares -

I saw Mr. Hutton one of your old friends
I think he has something to do with Mr.
Gibbs lead mine he inquires very
kindly after you

It will be a real good boomer an
annual Ram sale - I might be to get some

Nov 28th Portland.

Since I wrote the first part of my letter I have been to Fort Davis - I have bought 600 head cattle - 200 lambs & 200 sheep and hifers at 3²/4/- we shall have 800 fat lambs for Adeleia camping ~~750~~ - but 2000 head - we cannot get on in this country for want of labour - I suppose you have not much to spare - It has set fair looks took down in one month earlier with it - this year - I got 1/2 stone & for the cow wool - If labour does not lower and wool rise I shall yet get out of wool growing - by degrees -

Portland is advancing fast - shop building an empty house is not to be got - we shall have 3 or 4 vessels

to load with wool - we stop
and about 5000 miles — to Dawson
The crop are looking well about
Port Essington but it is a moist country
and they have a better chance in a
dry season -

Say am sick at Dromore though Ed
is a bad correspondent. John has had
some time to his mare - we shall
be done shearing in 10 days --

Lie Maria I got the last treasures
now I have no doubt Ed finds them
very good -

With Kind love to all at Home
Trusting you are all well -

I remain your

affectionate

Son

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