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My Dear Mr. Justice Clark.

Just a brief note to thank you for your latest on Federal Finance. It is quite unnecessary for me to say, what you know so well, that I am entirely in accord with your views. I think your pamphlet should be in the hands of every man who finds a seat in Senate or H of R for Tasmania and others as well for that matter. Of course the taking over of the Debts has its difficulties but they must be faced, and even when the Debts are taken over, our financial troubles are not at an end. With the increase of population will come an increasing demand on Customs & I think the per capita of surplus after that must be adopted. I am much disappointed personally that I am out of it, so I feel exceedingly well & fit. A clear duty elsewhere has led me to sit on my small ambition so I must even acquiesce, with the best grace that

I can command. Writing you and your all good things of Devon's being not for the coming year. Yours sincerely, J. H. G. G. G.