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My dear Ted,

I duly received your letter to me of the 25th, having previously received the telegram from you and Evans. I have also received a letter from Evans and am pleased to hear that election matters are proceeding as...
Satisfactorily assisted
by him and you.
I cannot understand
why the Trades and
Labour Council should
have any difficulty
in selecting Miles and
myself as their can-
didates although we
were separated. It
might happen at
any time that four
Our five candidates of exactly the same political principles would be running for two seats and any organisation such as the Trades and Labour Council could select any two of them and make a ticket of them although the whole four or five were running quite separately.
from one another.

I would like you to make a special point of seeing Bob Taylor and discussing his mind of any impression that never wished to run with Dolson in preference to Miles. Bob is an old friend of mine and he worked vigorously for me at the last.
general election and I feel preaced to think that he could believe that he ever wavered in my adherence to the Democratic party or desire to ally myself with a plutocrat who believes in the division of society into the "upper
“middle” and “lower”
classes on the basis
of property and money.
Majority object in
running separately
is to avoid unnecessarily
alienating electors who
are prepared to vote.

and myself or
within and myself
and also to avoid cre-
At any rate, it is my impression that I or the Ministry have made any compact with Miles to help him and Reynolds in the matter of their contract for the construction of the Mount Steen Railway. I was also placed in a delicate position by Wilson.
coming voluntarily
to me and telling
me that he intended
to go into parliament
to sit behind me
and to support my
colleagues and myself
in the face of a voluntary
announcement of his
Character from him.
I felt that I was bound
so far as my public
Utterances and actions were concerned to be neutral and not to tell Wilson in effect that I did not believe him. I think that you might tell Dr. Taylor and Chapell from what you know of me that although I might differ from...
them or from bold and so loved a friend as you as to the best methods of realizing the true democratic and republican ideal, whether in regard to fixing the length of a day's labour for adult males by legislation, or as to the benefits of a protective or free
trade fiscal policy, the leopard could as soon change his spots as I become a supporter of plutocracy, and class privilege.

A Mr. Bright has pronounced votes are yours that means that he will not vote for me because he is sure to vote for Lyttleton. Probably all the Honorey
Medical officers of the Army Hospital and their friends will vote against one as a member of the Ministry that tried to abolish them. I think that the resignation of Mr. Turner is another proof that there is something radically wrong with the management of that institution.
the same day that I sent any last telegram to you I wrote to Evans and told him that I was astonished to learn that he confirmed Miles' statement about my consent to hold joint meetings and I reminded him of the fact that I distinctly told
Wiles and Cathbert at my house that as a minister I would be compelled to open the campaign at the Town Hall without association with any other candidate and defend the conduct of the ministry during the past four years and few an indication
of our intentions in the future. I am not at all sure that Hilo would defend all legislation and all our presidential acts, and it would be ridiculous to have a candidate on the platform with me condemning some of the actions of myself and my colleagues.
I will leave you to do whatever you think best for me, but I would like to run alone so far as public announcements are concerned.

Love,

Yours faithfully,

A. Justin Clark