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My dear Father

I have arrived safe at home  
we are two weeks through the clearing  
and are now getting two great  
pieces of work in our stub management.  
we had 10,000 to clear the oak of  
the slab of seat shows in a flock.  
we expect to be rid of it this season  
having killed some flock & some  
we are in a solution of amine of  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  oz to the gallon adding 2,000  
a day we have a large trough  
for the purpose with a shoot-  
to throw what strips of the slab  
back into the trough a great improve-  
ment on what we have been doing  
the last 14 years —

What John says about regretting  
his having left Mt. Gambier  
I think he is better wiser he is why  
does he not embrace his property  
a dead-end country, is no place for

him he should move to a larger  
field if he does not like Portland  
I never suspect having left a place  
always move for the better —

We have had a great deal of  
Rain the last 10 days it will give  
us an immense deal of grass —

I suppose you have had it  
in Vt. You appeared to want  
it — when I was there —

I do not find labour so scarce  
as I had expected from the  
accounts that has been about  
the Gold the Mania is dying  
away — Many may go but we  
shk have lots left —

I hear things are not so bad in Adelaide  
fortunately it owes me but little  
of this years sales — I am  
glad it will get a check  
They were great boasters even  
of the greatness of their country  
before they know it —

I hope you ~~and~~ by the other  
evening to enjoy your health - I feel  
the effects of change of climate at Lake  
Leak it is a very bleak cold situation  
extreme to the north and east -  
in the winter especially - but has

I find go out do - blossoms get out  
off - It is a very trying situation

I measure the center of the Lake  
the other way it is 39 ft deep -  
we have a small boat on it -

I hope to have the pleasure of  
seeing Arthur this summer -  
with kind love to all -

Rose Lake

I remain your  
affectionate  
son  
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