



see good stockmen and shepherds  
we shall have to do some thing to  
get them. But I have no doubt their  
work be better than of the Leigens  
that will be glad to work for a  
century; we shall have to offer about  
£1200 - and I expect there in the  
green - but will be our great dependence  
if the Gold goes on - I have now a  
fine lot of fat stock waiting a good  
market - I have not heard of John since  
he started for the Leigens we found  
his name the other day after its having  
be lost for some five years - she must  
be old -

I have just had my Duns measured and  
proved they contain 200 square miles -  
200 of which is good grass land with  
corn a stub to about 1/2 acres - then  
are some 200 miles of run on the  
sea coast near Portland -

Our Runs in Va have been very much  
curtailed by the Commissioner from time  
to time - my stock I brought into the District  
entitled as to each time - But I am not  
the man to take Govt favour -  
I am going to Postpone soon to see that my  
work is settled. I expect it is, the merchants  
have been slow in getting it off and to afford  
a sort of bonus -

You in Va. most benefited by the  
Gotha in Victoria - I have not  
had the N paper the last 2 weeks  
to see what in the North I expect  
a mail to say -

We have had a great deal of rain  
the last 3 weeks - having a good  
thing of grass - quite a Federal District  
and probably better for a stock head  
of cattle than any kind of stock -  
I must now conclude with kind  
love to my Mother and Sister  
and brothers hoping you are well  
Ed and I are tolerable well with  
the exception of occasionally you by  
finishes or something like it -

I remain your affectionate

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