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My dear Father

I wrote you a week ago or there  
a hurried letter - when I returned to Withers  
which will be the end of next week -  
I wish attend to the land - I have had  
help my great tree and taken out - it  
being grown on the flesh - rather  
a painful operation - to get - stick and  
have it done - The weather  
is very dry here - I think the  
crop will fail it -  
Some land will be surveyed soon  
about Mt. Gamble and my Rec.  
If you want to invest money - It might  
not be a bad investment - at 4 - or  
5 - 1 - 5 - I am - I believe the land  
will be put up - For 10 months from  
this - and sheep and the cows have  
been selling in Philadelphia at about 1/2  
I have

They have a very nice soil very good  
from Adelaide to Adelaide of miles -  
and fitted at first class carriage -  
They are full of the idea of railroads - over  
the country - But more schemes  
are made than can be acted on -  
I am getting on tolerable well with  
my horse they others about 100  
I may and when the time comes down  
I must get them cheaper -  
or out with - we have lived a  
long time under Bork -  
I remember Mr. J. Gibbs he was very rich  
for - he - talks of going out and being  
South Australia but I am afraid he is too  
old for that - His wife Mr. Marshall  
is now in V. H. - a - he does not appear to  
be on good terms with his own friends  
he has only strangers about him -  
From the 20 years experience I have  
had of the Colonies I must say Australia  
is the best land to live in its  
productions of better quality climate  
suited to our European constitution

Now it is Spring in its full season put  
a good Salade to be got - nor a fresh  
Beetroot to be got - nor the Potatoe  
and that an inferior one -  
ah you can say next - is tolerable about  
the high 40 to 50 - you in O.S. want  
to improve your sorts of fruit - as you  
make a Sugar Caper then you did -  
I have tasted but few of the wines  
here - and those but very indifferent -  
I have not had yet of our Cousin  
I hope the rich wine of goodly young  
Men - there seems to have been a  
weakness in the constitution of our  
Mother's family - it might have been  
increased by poverty - the great and  
ill-fated classes appear to suffer most in  
health -  
I hope my Brothers and Sister are  
all well - and with kind love -

I remain  
your affectionate  
son

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