

Private

Emu Bay

19<sup>th</sup> January 1885-

Dear Mr. Clark.

In fulfilment of a promise I made you in Hobart that I would let you know whether you had any chance of successfully contesting the seat for Wellington in the House of Assembly. I desire now to inform you that the people here and I may say mainly throughout the Electorate are most decidedly in favour of a local man and in pursuance of that wish Mr. J. W. Barton Smith has been named upon today and he has given his consent to stand for Wellington. I think this will meet with the approval of a very large majority of the people of this District.

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so much so that he will be returned  
unopposed. as I feel sure that any  
opposition to his return would be  
fruitless. I have taken the earliest  
opportunity to convey to you this  
information as I should not like  
you to be drawn into a false  
position. or one which would not  
be likely to result favorably as far  
as you are concerned.

I need not here repeat that I  
should like to see you in  
parliament but in the present  
instance as far as Wellington  
is concerned I am sure you  
could not by any possibility  
succeed. I say this after thoroughly  
soundings the wishes of the people.  
Yours very truly  
J. P. Moore