

Table Cape
Oct 17th 1898.

My dear Clark.

I have the papers all right, but have not yet got all the signatures, some of the parties are away.

Jim Seapower has shifted to the Public School at Pt Bischoff we are sorry to lose him; but there is a better opening up there. We subscribe about £16 for him before he left.

Your parliamentary gentlemen are having fine times of it. I am disgusted with the scheme of taxation; it is very unfair. Any ministry that will bring in a pure income and property

Tax, would carry the country
with them at the present time.
I liked your speech very much
it was clear and to the point; but
I think the ~~vote~~^{attempt} was premature.

You take my advice and avoid
the usual practice of abusing the
other side; keep yourself to the
merits of the question. before long
there will come a readjustment
of parties in the House or else the
country will kick up a row.

There are lots of men who would
go against the present Ministry
but cannot bring themselves to
accept Peirce's followers, I for one
would be sorry to see the country
governed by such men as Dooley,
Just, Harry, Balfe. The House
is lamentably deficient in sound

sense, both parties. The present
Opposition will never be able to
hold the reins for any length of time,
what you want is to get men to
come forward who have Liberal
views a sort of Liberal Conservatism.

Beveridge will never go down
in Tasmania, without universal
suffrage.

I hope your fellows will pass
the Public Works, most of them
are urgently needed, and the
colony is kept back for want of
roads &c. We can stand any
amount of taxation if we can
only get the country opened up.

Give us a Liberal Land Act
and Mineral Leases Act and
plenty of roads and we will
soon push the colony ahead

The country don't care two straws
who is in office so long as we
progers and I believe that a
rise of £10 a ton in tin would
be more acceptable than all
the legislation you can give us for
the next ten years. Nobody
down here seems to take the least
interest in politics and it is the
same wherever I go.

Give my respects to your good
lady and

Believe me to be
yours sincerely
Charles Brent.