

Circular Head

Nov 29th 1878.

My dear Clark

There is a hitch in our trustee ships, one of the trustees refuses to sign says he is too old &c Will this necessitate fresh papers? Let us know what to do.

The people up here are greatly excited over the elections. Circular Head goes for Giblin, Merediths proposal of 2^d an acre land tax frightened The V. D. L. Co, therefore they are using all their influence to keep out opposition from Wellington.

I suppose there will now be a general election, if there is I fancy the present Ministry will be even worse off, for nearly all condemn their scheme of taxation and only the fear of

Bulfe Dooley Henry & Co keep them from kicking up a row with the proposal.

Many intelligent men approve of the Opposed policy of an Income tax but they shrink from putting into office some of the lights of the opposition. I heard an influential man say he would oppose Giblin, but for that reason.

I should like to see a strong government of progressive ideas men with confidence in the future of the Colony who would try and push us ahead. Now is the time we want good laws to regulate Mining and crown Lands, something liberal not something to take money out of our pocket just as he wants some to start him.

If your side come in I hope you will have good men who will try to carry what they believe in, not temporise

with the Colony. I would like to see their
lot have a try. Reiber, Butler, Lewis
Clark, Croother.

Mr Pabbeyman told me the other day that
he liked your speech on the Taxation
as well as any delivered in the debate.

Mr Anderson S. M. of Lincoln Head a
staunch Ministerialist an intelligent fellow
University man told me today that he
was very much pleased with your parliamentary
speeches but disliked your Longford one,
so you see old man the eyes of the
public are upon you.

But you get rabid on party. I think
party spirit is the curse of Tasmania
and politics much a struggle between
ins and outs and if any ministry
persists in mere party fights sooner or
later they will lose their majority,
witness the Gladstone Government and

Now the sign of the end of Derry.

No statesman has yet propounded the policy that will regenerate Tasmania, so your party have now a good chance to distinguish themselves. The mines are going ahead and settlement is increasing and if it continues a few years longer we shall be all right. We ought to push ahead our mines as much as possible, they are of far more importance to Tasmania than legislation on Contingent Remainders, Californian Thistles, Hospital Boards &c. Lots of country yet untouched, plenty more minerals to be found.

I am doing the rounds of these parts before I was.

Remember me to your good lady.

yours faithfully
Chas Sprent