

C.4/C.292(1) 6 Jones Street
Emerald Hill
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Dear Clarke

I must crave your
pardon for not having
answered your kind
and really welcome letter
before. The fact is when
I received it I was just
upon the point of
severing my connection
with the St. Annand
Mercury, and as I had
nothing definite in view
I thought it better to
withhold a reply till I
could state what my
future prospects were and
give an address etc.

which you might forward
by public communication.

Since coming to Melbourne,
I have succeeded in
obtaining a position on the
staff of the Argus (a
highly conservative journal
it is true, but as I have
nothing to do with the
writing of its political
articles, I trust I will not
be open to the suspicion
of tergiversation). The
above is my private address
for the present, but as I
am ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{by} ~~by~~ of removing
into the city care of
"Mr. J. McKeam, St. Patrick's
College" would be more
certain to find me.

Since I parted from
you in Collins Street on
that spring morning in
1873, I have gone through
not a few adventures
and gained not a little
experience of the world.

As you may perhaps remem-
ber, I started a daily
evening paper here, another
Tribune (a name that I
have always considered most
appropriate for a demo-
cratic organ), but after
working it for nine months
I was obliged to succumb
for want of capital. The
superior of the pressmen
of Melbourne was that I
had run it to any or

means so small. Ho Magazine
left me half ad dry on the
shores of bankruptcy, but
I am thankful to say I
resisted the temptation to
white-wash myself. I work
of both all the money I
bring from Jamaica, but
get considerably into debt
as well. To make matters
worse for me, about this
time my sister died, so
that, as you may imagine,
my first year's experience of
Victoria was by no means
an agreeable one. After
working for some time as a
mechanic in the town, I
succeeded in obtaining the
editorship of the H. Annual

Money, one of the largest credit
institutes of the country.
By dint of hard work and
temperate habits, I am happy
to say that I have not only
paid off my liabilities, but,
financially speaking I am as
good a man as when I
landed upon the shores of
the modern Opium. Three
years of empty life, however,
were enough for me, and
thrift I had excellent
habits at business prospered
in the H. and did not (one
of the most flourishing in Australia)
I determined to go by my father
again in the capital, and,
as I have said, succeeded
in getting engaged upon the

great ensemble the same

Thus far of myself,
the personal pronouns neces-
sarily being somewhat frequent
in the allusion. Truly yourself
I was sincerely rejoiced to
notice you enter into the
political arena, for, sure
flattery, I have always looked
upon that as a sphere -
which you would not fail
to make a mark. Whenever
a Garrisonian paper comes
under my notice I eagerly
scan its patriotic reports
to see what has omitted
from you. I notice that you
have ranged yourself against
the combative story in

in the Presidency, but I am
afraid you will have some
trouble before you succeed
in estingishing that litigation
gentleman. Gladstone I see,
too, has your preference over
Disraeli - in which I am
with you, as the British
son of Judah seems to
me to be animated more
with a desire to achieve
diplomatic and political
coups than with a desire
to benefit his fellow man.
yet that he lacks the
honesty of Gladstone, he
and humanity
is a wonderful character,
and I can't help feeling
a high admiration for

his talent. I am glad to
learn that you are surrounded
at the bar, and that I
would gladly see you make
a niche in Victoria - the
modern Athens, and hope
the proper field for all
democratic tendencies to shine -
I think it would be better
for you to remain in Tasmania
with your occupation of the
attorney-generalship will
have given you a prestige
H.L. will place you in the
front rank of Australian
politicians. Now, if you are
not satisfied with your field,
Victoria is the arena
where your legal and
oratorical talents will have

full scope. I am sorry to
learn that Kern has lost his
interest in the Tubine, though
he even did not much surprise
me. He has a certain amount
of ability for small matters,
but a large enterprise like
a daily paper was above his
mental grasp. I do not know
who the proprietor of the my oldest
child now are, though I have
a superior style as D. Lewis and
elegance, but if the present
manager is not giving Kern and
Kern sufficient satisfaction I would
be willing to return and combine
the mechanical and literary
management of the Tubine for
a fair remuneration. Will you,

whom I am glad to see you
apparently would I believe
accept an appointment under
me, so that I think I might
fairly predict that the change
would prove a beneficial one.
If you are acquainted with the
prospective you might inform me
of this, if you are meditating a
change. I would not desire
to supplant any one, but I
offer my services in the event of
their ~~desire~~ seeking a new
manager. I have a very good
position on the Anger, and
am by no means tired of
Victoria, but I have for
some time been considering
whether it would be

good operation & return
to Hobart Town and stay
an evening here. I am
thinking of paying a visit to
the old place after Christmas,
when I shall take a survey of
the field, which, remembering
what I did before at the
Tahoe, I believe to be a
good one. It may, therefore,
be to the interest of the pro-
prietors of the Tahoe to make
some suggestion to me,
should I would not have you
hold them out to them. It
would imply a threat, whereas
I merely state it as piece
of information for your use.

By the mail I will forward

an application for the relation
to them, enclosing to you to
be properly addressed. You wish for
my opinion on our political situation,
know them, that I am a Bayard,
and did not a little of wishing
and agitation to say the least and
doubt in favor of the present
measures, but I will reserve my
discourse on politics for another
epistle, private affairs have taken
up so much time.

Your sincere friend
E. W. Sullivan

P.S. - In my application I have re-
ferred the property of the Tube
to yourself and others, and if you
cannot give a word or two in
my favor might be of considerable
service to me.

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