

KLINGENDER CHARLEY
SOLICITORS.
& DICKSON.

Bank Place

Melbournett June 1898

My dear Wilton,

I thank you most
heartily for your kind letter &
take this, the earliest opportunity
of briefly replying to it. Since I
last wrote my health has mended
& tho' far from well or strong I
have in part returned to my duties—
A day or 2 after my letter to you
one of my chiefs, Mr Dickson, called
to see me & he was very kind
to me but of course could not
help expressing the inconvenience
which my absence from the office was
occasioning— I said I intended to visit
& to go to Sydney as soon as I
was strong enough. He begged of
me not to do this & ultimately
persuaded me to lie up for a
fortnight & then return to the office

Bring what work I pleased
& staying for as short a time
as I pleased. He promised to
Engage, or try to Engage a
temporary apartment, & offered
me the choice of going to Jersey
for a week or 2 to look after
a matter he was attending to
there. To cut a long story short
I ultimately agreed to those terms;
found the Jersey trip a pleasant
& beneficial one; returned to the
office & usually stay there for 3
or 4 hours a day if the
weather is fine. I am very slowly
getting round again, although my
doctor tells me that it is only
a playing with my complaint -
I am however so unfortunately
placed at present that my movements
are not altogether within my
control. Altho' not actually poor
my means are but "in suspension"

and should a general reach take my place
either in Sandhurst being stuck or in my
health I should be in a very pretty mess -
At present however I see no probability of
either & have quite enough trouble on hand
without imagining any fresh ones -

I ought to mention that I offered my advertisement
& otherwise my situation with full salary to a very
competent person, but, not altogether to my surprise,
found that there was no eligible offer -

I read with much interest & with some concern
those parts of your letter which related to Hobartian
matters - I wrote to my brother at his urgent request
but, needless to say, did not touch on any topics
in your letter which related to the office -
Dear Peter wrote to me 3 weeks ago but

I only received his letter on my return from school
- a week ago - tell him please that I am very
grateful for his sympathy & that I have ^{now} everything
in readiness to answer his letter by the next mail.
I had an interview yesterday morning (Sunday) with
a friend, Mr Fink, a member of the Victoria bar
who has a considerable Criminal practice & will
to-day interview the Prothonotary & the Clerk of the
Court as to the subject of his letter ~~and~~ enclose him
ⁱⁿ a copy of our former statute - I think both the photos
he sent me excellent & faithful likenesses - I am
getting the carpets out framed I am also very grateful
to Mrs Clark for her kind remembrance & I include
you all in a general blessing. I write in haste & in very
low spirits and hope there will be an excuse for this
brief scrawl which is only a hasty apology for an
answer to your affectionate epistle - for the present
farewell I believe must be
ever affectionately yours
W. J. Hilton

— Thanks for newspaper