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LONDON.

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PS
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"LANGHAM, LONDON"
You can make
what use you like
of this letter

Dear Sir,

I desire to express to
you the admiration I feel
for the manly, honest way
in which you have expressed
yourself in The Tasmanian
Parliament. It is quite
refreshing to read your
speeches. I have now no
interests in the West Coast.
We spent £50,000 in the
Zeehan District in the
Tasmanian Silver Mine

and The Tasmanian Land & Explorer Company, the whole of which we lost. But we developed the Lake Dora lodes, though unfortunately for us we were advised to abandon them through the stupidity of a consulting engineer who we called in to advise us.

My boyhood was spent in Hobart and my heart is in Tasmania, and I like to see that there is a Tasmanian who rises above all ideas of petty advantage for himself and stands out a Man.

Long ago I wrote Sir S Braddon
that the Emu Bay Line if
continued to the Mining
district would sap the trade
of the colony, & divert it
to Melbourne, and I advised
him to raise the money
and let the Government
construct the Lines.

I am a man experienced
in financial matters on
the largest scale on the
London Stock Exchange, and
in all my experience I have
never read anything so
damaging to a Government,
as the matters stated in
The Tasmanian Parliament
in relation to the Emu
Bay Railway.

Reading the debates I have come
to the conclusion that persons
in Tasmania take a microscopic
view of matters.

The truth is that you possess
an extraordinary metaliferous
tract on the West Coast
which when opened up by railway
will enhance the value of
every other acre of land in
the Colony.

It is now some six years
since I was in Hobart, and
had the pleasure of speaking
to you, and doubtless you
have forgotten me, & will
hardly my intruding myself.
But as an old Tasmanian
I admire you for your honorable
straightforward line of conduct.

I am dear Sir
Yours faithfully
S. J. Walford

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a good use of me like
a letter