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Poor Mr Frankland! only a short month ago, he was in his glory, on the Regatta ground, leading up, bareheaded, to Sir John who stood under a canopy of flags, the winning boat-crews to receive their prizes, the military band playing "Rule Britannia" and the crowd of spectators forming a large circle round an area of green sward in the midst of the wattle bushy hedges was hemmed in by the squatting boys and girls of the orphan schools - with their silk banners. Mr Frankland's exertions on that day and the preceding ones were more I think than his strength could bear - he fell ill immediately after - but recovered - again became indisposed and was suddenly carried off by inflammation of the brain. ---
Mr Frankland was a nephew

of the present Lord Colville.
and is a ^{first} cousin I think of Sir
Thomas Frankland, Baronet, the
head of the family-----

Poor Mr Frankland himself was
the first person on the morning of
our disembarkation at Hobart
to pay his respects to us on board
the Fairlie, bringing me a bouquet
of beautiful flowers, the most
characteristic and acceptable
compliment which my new country
could furnish. But I am forgetting
that our lamented friend, though
I may have excited in you some
little interest for him was yet
unknown to you. Excuse my
having dwelt so very long on a
subject which is so very recent
that I cannot banish it from my
thoughts.

You will be happy to hear that
we are all well - we have no time

to be otherwise, yet are notwithstanding in want of some relaxation - When the present mail bags are closed and the winds abate a little, I hope we shall be able to make holiday a little in the Schooner - The Derwent arrived about 3 weeks ago, with Mr and Mrs Herbert Jones and Tom Crocroft

Believe me, my dearest Father
Ever your most affectionate daughter
(Signed) Jane Franklin.

3rd Jan^{ry} 1839

Hobartton, Gov^t House

P.S. Sir John tells me he has had a despatch to raise the minimum price of land from 5 to 12/- the acre. If this is not cancelled, it will go far to ruin the colony -