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Lady Franklin to her sister Mrs. Lupton.

Government House.
Hobarton. 8th Dec. 1840.

My dear Mary

x x You tell me you wish I
could send you some views of my garden.
I wish I could, and will see what can be
done. I had about half a dozen
sketches made, which were to be worked up
into finished drawings by an artist who
was going to Sydney, and who took them
with him, and in going on board his portfolio
fell into the sea and the drawings were lost
or ruined.

Mr. Hooker (son of Sir William Hooker)
the Assistant Surgeon and Botanist of the
"Cerberus," took great delight in my mountain
garden, to see all the things in the vigour
of life and beauty, which he had hitherto
examined only in the dried specimens, was
a great charm to him.

I hope you will see and know the Goulds
on their return to England. They are

most amiable people, and I should wish
to be remembered affectionately to them.
Let me hear of their little boy Franklin
who was born in this House, a fine little
fellow when he left.

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Has not Mr^s Benson been editing some
metaphysical work, by an ancestor of his?
It is a long time that I have owed him
a letter, in answer to an extremely kind
one he wrote to me. Pray remember me
most kindly to him, when you see him.

The elegant and learned studies he pursues
are almost unknown amongst us, but
to hear of them only occasionally would
be refreshing.

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I hope my Egyptian things
will not be allowed to rot, if you can
think of any means of preventing it.

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I will enclose the names of a few books to
be added by Richardson to those I have not
received from him. Will you enquire for a

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pamphlet by Dr Short published in 1835
on Middle Schools, it is referred to by
Mr Boone in page 25 of his "Educational
Economy of England" I should wish
enquiry to be made also for the second
part of Boone's Educational Economy
published at Parker's in the Strand,
and both Short's and Boone's works I
wish to have sent out to me.

I am glad you like Mr Davies the
Clergyman; I hope you will see him
again, and I wish you to convey to him
the following desire on my part, in which
I know I have Sir John's concurrence.

The prisoners to be sent in future to
this Colony are to be worked in gangs in
the unsettled districts. They will be re-
-moved far from all places of worship, and
all the ministrations of local ministers,
and it will be necessary therefore to provide
them with Chaplains, or religious instructors
of their own, attached to each separate
community, and moving and living with them.

Sir John has written to Lord John Russell to point out the necessity of such nominations, and he has requested that if no ordained ministers of the Church of England can be procured for the purpose Wesleyan Missionaries should be engaged. Sir John at the same time has pretty strongly intimated his preference for the Church of England, and has hinted that the Church Missionary Society, or the Colonial Church Society might perhaps furnish a supply. It is ^{quite} clear to all who know the Christian Knowledge and Propagation of the Gospel Society, which recommends to the Secretary of State all the Regular chaplains that come out to this Colony, that it is not to that Society we must look, for humble workers in the Forest amongst benighted and ignorant prisoners. The Christian Knowledge Society is under the control if not of the High Church party, at least of the anti-low Church. Now Mr Davies is what I may call a low

Church man, tho' perhaps he would not acknowledge the designation, and he is more likely to know or to hear of any Episcopalian clergyman, humble but zealous, and possessed of an essential missionary spirit than any body ^{else} I can think of. Lord John Russell would be sure to attend to any recommendation or introduction of Mr^r Davies, and no one can tell better than Mr^r Davies where to find the right sort of person, or to remove any fears or prejudice from his mind.

Mr Davies would be conferring a great benefit on the Colony if he could procure the services of a few such men.

For my own part I greatly prefer the Church Missionary Society to the Wesleyans. The Wesleyans are a very ambitious people, aiming to make proselytes to their sect quite as much as to the common cause of evangelical Christianity, and they work on the lower passions of human nature to obtain their objects. Their preaching

also is so vague, and anti-practical that I wonder less, it does so little good than that it does any at all. Their zeal and activity however are such as to make them a very useful bulwark against the encroachments of popery, and as such I chiefly value them. x x x

The Bishop of Australia has been making a most eloquent speech in the Council at Sydney upon the Arch Bishop of Dublin's abuse of these penal Colonies. He says, quoting Doctor Johnson, that if he will always look close to the ground, he must see dirt, but that if England herself were to be judged by such evidence as was called together by the Transportation Committee, she could not stand, but would be proved more guilty than these abused Colonies, where (at least in Van Diemens Land) it is a well attested fact that fewer crimes are committed ^{according} ~~according~~ to the population than in England. This speech was copied into one of our

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papers, and I put it aside to send you, but having yesterday suggested to Mr Thomas Archer, Member of Council, how desirable it would be if some hundred copies of the speech could be printed off and distributed extensively in England, particularly to all the newspapers both London and Provincial, he eagerly seized the idea, took away my paper and said he would get it published in the form of a supplement to the Hobartton Advertiser in order that it might have the stamp of authenticity, and hoped it might be got ready in time to go home by the "Ernie". If I get it any in time I shall send you a number of them for distribution, but you must not say I had any hand in it, even tho' it was only in the suggestion, and in the offer, (which was not accepted) to defray the expence. I had previously suggested this to Mr Forster, but he said, it would be, *infra dig*, and so I think it certainly would if ostensibly done by the Government. Previously to this

however Mr Forster had taken care that the "Sydney Herald" containing the Bishop's speech should be forwarded to the Archbishop.

We should have forwarded him also our "Courier's" account of the Regatta which winds up with an observation, that if the Archbishop had only seen the Regatta, he would have known what nonsense he had written about us, or something to that effect.

How much amused Dr Whateley must be with the constant reference made to him in our papers, it affords him I dare say many a hearty laugh, for he is not susceptible of the common human weakness of feeling flattered.

Colonel Gawler, Governor of South Australia has written to Sir John to thank him for the honourable and handsome manner, in which Sir John had behaved to him, by declining to receive an emigrant from South Australia, (who having been a servant of Mr Booth's wished to come on here) without first communicating with him (The Colonel) their emigrants having

been paid for first by themselves.
 Colonel Pawler wishes the Colony in
 general, and that of New South Wales
 would behave with equal delicacy and honor,
 but on the contrary he says an abominable
 system exists of enticing away their emigrants
 upon a pretended belief that there in
 South Australia have more than they want,
 whereas they have not enough. The poor
 Colonel is very angry indeed about this,
 but is angry & fancy to little purpose, for
 the people of this Colony whose paid-for
 emigrants have all made away with them-
 selves to Port Phillip or elsewhere, will
 never be persuaded that if a reaction
 takes place, they are not to avail themselves
 of it, because like Paul they are paid by
 what was borrowed from Peter, instead of
 by what was owing from John. Besides a most
 paltry, unfair, and contemptible system
 of puffing up South Australia and New Zealand
 at the expense of the other Colonies has been
 unblushingly carried on, and the ire of the

people here has been aroused, and the sturdiest moralist amongst them, except Sir John, would not scruple to do what he could to benefit himself, and this Colony at the expense of those who have so outraged their feelings. Let the Archbishop look to this, for spite of all his diatribes, the people of South Australia are coming hither, at their own expense too, and they no sooner come than they gain profitable employment, and the people at New Zealand, are waiting by the hundred on the shores of that island, to be brought away.

The scourge of all the other Colonies without exception, (though of New South Wales the least) is the savages or blacks. The Whites are not protected from them. The only legislation that exists is to protect the Blacks. This is not as well known as it might be, and should be considered in our favour, together with our cooler and more healthy climate, and the circumstance of our having convict labourers, known to be convicts, and under control, whereas

in the other Colonies they have the
emancipated convicts, without the ma=
-Chinery to keep them in order.

It is in your power to make some of these
facts better understood in England
than they often are, and you will do no
harm either to Van Diemen's Land, or to
the cause of truth by so doing.

Your ever affectionate sister
Jane Franklin.