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My dear Mr. Calder,

I was with very considerable gratification, thro' I received your kind letter by the last mail, as well as a copy, through your own hands, of your work on the Native Soils of Tasmania.

Let me thank you heartily for your remembrance from "Old Bishop" - How old indeed, seeing that I am some way advanced into my 74th year.

I have read your most interesting volume with attention: it gave me much information respecting the Aborigines of Tasmania, that was perfectly new to me, - especially those portions which speak of their intellectual qualities, and tendency to ^{art} ~~art~~ civilization. I confess, therefore, that I had seen, & heard of them, I had formed a far lower estimate.

The remembrance of our last meeting

meeting at Cheshford, on the
Heaven, is still fresh and green.
but it was somewhat more distant
in point of time, than 12 years ago.
it never has been. I think, in
the latter part of 1861 - I left the
Colony in Feb. 1862; then, both
morning, that medical orders
would forbid my return to my
old sphere of labour.

But I have kept up a constant in-
tercourse with my friends, which
has made me fully acquainted
with Roumanian sayings and
doings.

It is a most rare thing for a man
to arrive in a town, without bearing
epitulary shots between myself
and my old friend and confidant
and myself. - he sends me, too, all
Newspapers of interest - so that I am
well informed in all matters of
moment connected with your
history.

I am rejoiced to find what bright
prospects are before the Colony, in ge-
neral especially, if the mineral wealth
which has been a matter of common
knowledge, that no vigorous efforts have
been made to make the active de-
velopment of that rich seam of coal
near Kingal. Surely - it would pay
nobly! But your time is now, I
suppose, your most promising source
of wealth.

Archdeacon Series writes most
convincingly of the large population
that is being attracted to the coastline
of Coast between Georgia Bay and
Kingarooma.

I venture to send you a portrait
taken not long since - perhaps,
you will scarcely recognize it.
But, allow me I may be, in my out-
ward man, except my appearance,
that I am still, with a keenly
affectionate remembrance of "old
Lansdowne's eye".

My dear Mr Talbot
very sincerely yours

F. N. Nixon
(Bishop)

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