My dear Andrew,

At the end of this most disgustingly hot day, amid an odia portrait of fleas, dust, perspiration, and thirst, I set down to write you a few lines amongst your books.

So day was one of those absurd holidays, which permeate the division of the Australian States, and is called Constitution Day. Our office was supposed to be closed, but I was there for some time in the morning, and when I left I thought...
sought out Mr. Sam Muller and arranged about the books you wanted. Of these "Italy and her invaders" had been sold, and only one vol of Garrison could be found, and the other was supposed to be in circulation somewhere — I secured De Witt, 2 vols, Founders of the American Rep (1 vol) and Bain on Mill, and paid the catalogue price for them, £1.00. The order was small one very well especially as the books are going off pretty well and there was an indisposition.
to reduce the price, except on large orders, and then only to institutions. However, I sent Mullen of the 2nd Voe of Garrison came to hand I might have a check with him on that subject — the binding of the Garrison not in hand so loosened but they will repair this if I purchase and the book outwardly is in good enough order. The parcel has been sent to Robertson at once for transmission to Hood.

I have noted the progress of the Still & Ball miniroglio and that they were to appear today to answer the charges so scathingly commented on by
This matter has revived painful memories for me. They have placed themselves in a wretched position even if they claim themselves on the troth. There is not a single thing that I have to be grateful for to them, but I am not glad by any means. As a simple matter of justice, perhaps I ought to be. The way they have conducted their business for many years has been a public calamity. It was fit that Nemesis should overtake them, but I would not have wished it to be so drastic as this. Of one member of the firm it might be said that nothing short of this except death would remove his blighting influence from the conduct of a business.
which might so easily have been made one of the very best in the Island. All this, and more might be said, but the fact remains that this will be a terrible blow to some people here. The harmonization of the Eternal Justice with the Supreme Pity we can but have faith in. We know that earthly justice brings with it so often the heartbreak of the innocent and the shame of the pure.

With affectionate regards

To the circle,

Believe me,

Always affectionately yours

[Signature]

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