

Melbourne

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My dear Andrew,

I hope you will excuse this brief note. I have been hoping to be able to write you a long & loving letter but I have been so busy that I have not found time. I found things in a terrible muddle at the office & since then work has poured in to such an extent that I have had

much ado to keep pace  
with it. In addition to this  
all my old ailments have  
returned to dyspepsia, bilious-  
ness to insomnia make this  
"human life a hell". Despite  
this I intend to keep up  
a stout heart to I am working  
like a tiger. At present I  
am gorging My George. (By  
the way, can you send me the  
date of the "Times" article  
referred to in the leading article  
of the Sydney "Bulletin" of

31<sup>st</sup> ulto. It would "fetch"  
Dobbie, if he has not seen it

I believe K C & D are  
shortly about to dissolve.

This is noised abroad & I  
have rec<sup>d</sup> several offers  
from other firms. I shall  
probably close with one of  
them shortly & will write  
you fully by an early post.

I am to see Higginbotham  
next week on the admission  
question.

On the night preceding

my departure from Hobart  
my brother begged me to  
take a share in his business.

What do you think of it?

I am strongly tempted to  
accept it. Joe is dead against  
it but you know all the  
pros & con.s. The matter is to  
stand over till I decide.

Joe finally decided to  
decline Dodds's offer & wrote  
to that effect. Before he did  
so he was melancholy &  
distant to a distressing degree

but as soon as he had done  
the deed he recovered his  
usual spirits & I am going  
in for a course of legal  
work with him as soon as  
he has finished his seemingly  
interminable tourney.

Please give my love  
to Mrs Clark & to all your  
little ones, - especially to Heck  
& Emma. I trust you are  
all well & that Miss Pop  
had recovered her health before  
she left. Please give my

kindest regards to Miss  
 Minnie & Erny & to all  
 the brood of Menivia, especially  
 Edward, Burn & Dobbie.

I can never forget  
 the kindness you & Mrs  
 Clark showed me & the  
 recollection of the delight-  
 ful hours spent with  
 you will be a life long  
 source of delight.

What about the  
 Mercury? Shall I send  
 you a P. O. order for

(Say) 200 after 11<sup>th</sup> inst.

I hope you will understand that this is only a preliminary letter & that a larger one will soon follow.

I must now conclude as the hour is late & I have to write to my brother before going to bed.

With kindest regards & wishes for your health & prosperity Believe me

Ever affectionately  
Thine

A. Lupton Clark  
W. H. Hobart