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My dear Andrew,

I have been so
busy lately that I have ^{not} ~~never~~
been able to write more
than short notes. I
have lately had the
most tremendous "cases"
I have ever received
during my legal career.
Briefly the facts are
these; - I entrusted a

Case to ~~go~~ Frick to
draw pleadings & ~~and~~
Employed him at the
Trial. wh he conducted
with ability. The trial
lasted 3 days & resulted
in our getting a verdict
with fair damages (The
action was agst the city
of South Melbourne for
nuisance in ^{or rather cutting down} levelling
a street, - defence, statutory
authority) The Defts did
not appear or during the
Trial Except to our pleadings

but at the close of the case &
immediately before summing up Williams
& intimated that he doubted whether the
Jt. Ct. recover on the pleadings & that he
had reserved the questions to the findings of the
jury for the Full Ct. - All the material
questions were answered in our favor.

An argument before the Full Ct,
Williams, who led them by the nose,
stated that the statement of claim
must be amended; that the Jt. Ct. must
pay the costs of the amendment, the
costs of the trial & of the Arguments before
the Full Court, or a verdict would be
Entered for the Defts. !!!

This dreadful ^{affair} for once it is
in its consequences - has quite upset
me & I have been unwell since.

I must congratulate you
(I should have done it before) in increasing
the no. of future Republicans &
hope to see the interesting ^{little} straggle
on my visit.

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I see ~~business~~ from
^{last} your letters to Wilton
to myself that you
~~expect~~ ^{expect} to see me at
Christmas time. I am
afraid that it is quite
~~at~~ out of my power—
I could hardly get
away before the middle
of January to see them

only stay for a day or
two. In fact ^{if it} ~~is~~ my
brother's affairs that
take ^{me} over. It will be
with great difficulty -
if at all. That I
can spare the funds &
time - I fancy he will
renew his offer to take
me into partnership - It
is hard to have the cup
at your lips & be forced
to put it from you

By the way, I wrote

You ~~was~~ about a fortnight ago
as to getting accommodation for
some of my friends about to
visit Tasmania. Try to send
a reply by return if possible.

I will write again before
Christmas-day.

With love & kind wishes
to all

I am ever affectionately thine

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