

George Hotel, H. Kilda.
22 April 1879

Dear Andrew

I am writing you a few hurried lines by this mail because I am a little in doubt as to the commission you entrusted me with. On Enquiry at G. Robertsons I found the affairs just as ~~stupid~~ stupid & dull as of old. At first they stated they had not got the book referred to but upon searching found they had the first vol. of Pleidres (!) I wished to induce me to believe that, though it was published in 1877, the second vol. was not printed

I declined to be satisfied
with this assurance & also
declined to buy the only
volume they had until I
heard from you, as I thought
one might not be of any use.
Kindly let me know what I
am to do, I cannot find
the book in any other place
in Town.

I have been extremely
busy all this year. In
fact, I have been & am
altogether overworked, and in
addition, other matters are
going any thing but smoothly
with me. I have been
very unfortunate in pecuniary
& private & domestic matters all

This year and write in a
very depressed frame of mind,
I ^{happily} made the discovery that I
have lost my certificate of
admission in Tasmania and have
written to Mr. [unclear] for a
duplicate original. Kindly
ascertain and let me know if
it is possible to obtain same.

About the close of last year
I ~~was~~ was appointed a
guardian of the infant
children of the late Mr
James (of Hobart Town) the
matter is giving me much
trouble & I wrote a long letter
to R. J. Lucas for some information
about the matter about 2
months ago. Please Mr. [unclear]
up & get him to send me a
reply - Be sure to answer this part
of ^{my} letter

I don't quite understand your
allusion to Dodd's. I definitely
declined his offer and in fact
am drawn more strongly than
ever to settling in N.S.W. ~~the West~~
This is why I want my
Certificate -

Really, dear Andrew, I must
approach you for not sending me
an occasional newspaper, since
I have to glean from the Argus
or other sources news of your
doings. Wilton is quite good
compared to you in this respect. Dad
treats a filial but restless
child in this way -

I am in the receipt of
a kind, very interesting letter
from Joey but I am quite
unable to write to him or
Wilton for a few days. We
are balancing this month & my
books are all in arrears

Please remember me affectionately
to Milton Jey Sulman^{Daddy},
Thurn & give my kindest
regards to Mrs Clark & assure
her that I shall never
forget her kind & hospitable
to me during my recent
visit -

I suppose you noticed that
Morrell received a sentence
of 12 months for Embracery -
This reminds me that you
have never answered the
question I asked you re
imprisonment for debt - Look
up my letter & let me
know how the matter stands
as I have a similar
matter to deal with.

In addition to the
Commissions I have already
imposed upon you I want
you to call on Mr J
Hall ^{with kind regards} & remind him that
his promise to me re
Nicholas v. Turner is still
unperformed. Don't forget.

I have exhausted my
budget & have only a
few words to add on
things in general. From
what I have already
mentioned you can gather
that I am disgusted with
myself & my affairs. The
lodging difficulty is becoming
gigantic & causes me many

a high, - sometimes an evening
one - My reason for wishing
to quit the colony is that
I find I don't get on
fast enough & because I am
entangled ~~by~~ in an affair I
mentioned to ^{one night} you ^{Friday} at ~~your~~ ^{your}
Hotel in Melbourne,

I shall advertise in the
Sydney papers soon after I
hear from you. Oh, how
lick I am of the whole
affair,

A stop must be put
to this or you will be
affected with a prolonged
"moan," so let me conclude
by hoping to hear from

you soon & with renewed
wishes for your happiness
& prosperity believe me now
& for ever

Your affectionate friend

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