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43 Bank St. Emerald Hill.  
25 May 1876-

Dear Andrew,

I write, in some distress of mind, to ask you to do me a small favor. An hour ago I rec'd a letter from my mother stating she was in want of a small loan, £2. Unluckily, I lent the last £3 I had in the world, to an old friend of mine & shall not rec'd it till June 30. Could you kindly advance me the amount - £2, & send it her through Milton. It has cost me a pang to ask you to do this (don't be angry!) for it is the last thing I would do if I could avoid it; but you see I have no alternative - I detest borrowing

It is the first time I have  
had to fall back upon my friends  
for pecuniary assistance. I trust you  
can do it without inconvenience  
& I will repay it at the end of June.

I hope ~~to~~ to hear from you shortly  
that you are not more than usually  
disappointed with my last bulletin  
of foolishness - also that you have  
a long letter in store for me - of  
course this is no letter at all, but  
only a note resulting from an  
accidental circumstance.

My mother's letter discloses a  
lamentable state of things at home  
& a gross want of ordinary business  
management on the part of my brother.  
I am afraid that the burden laid upon me  
will be a pretty heavy one in the future.  
Altogether I see a long prospect of un =

= pleasantness before me - I don't mind.  
I take a certain "amount" of pleasure  
in being uncomfortable now.

I do not know that I have any-  
thing to chronicle. Existence is quiet  
& uneventful to a degree - I seldom  
go out of an evening but stay at  
home pursuing various lines of study.  
I am trying to get some pupils for  
the winter & find other means of in-  
creasing my scanty income - but I  
don't take much pleasure in anything.  
My lodgings are almost everything to  
be desired but I defer a fuller asc  
of the place & people until I write you  
the ordinary infliction - My principal  
reason for coming to "the Hill" was to improve  
my health & it has already partly had  
the desired effect.

I suppose you are very busy with  
the Debating Club work. Keep me, please,

informed as to all that is going on - also  
as to the advance of your legal studies.

Please remember me affectionately  
to Wilton & kindly to old friends - I'll  
write to Wilton with this most likely -

By the way there is a fee owing to  
me from Graves & Co. for affixing a Warrant  
of Attorney for them about this time 2  
yrs ago. If you could get it without  
trouble I wish you would send it  
with the 2 pounds to my mother - I  
send you an authority - but don't bother  
much about it.

Things are pretty quiet here - save  
that this afternoon 4 large fires suddenly  
broke out, much about the same times,  
in several large importing houses - I  
suppose this means litigation -

I send you an "opus" - Read carefully the article  
"A Colony of Lunatics" - You'll see the bearing of it.

Hoping I am not putting you to  
any trouble, believe me  
in haste

Your affectionate friend  
W. Hill

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Melbourne - 29<sup>th</sup> May 1876

Messrs Graves & Co  
Sole Hobart Town,  
D.ies,

Please pay to Mr. A. I. Clark the sum  
of £ my fee for witnessing Warrant  
of Attorney from to dated

1874

Sincerely  
W. Hill



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Solicitor General's office  
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