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My dear Andrew,

I have only time to scrawl a few lines to catch the post for to-morrow. I duly received ^{review} your contribution to the Melbourne, I left some ^{at once} at the office of the Editor. I have called several times to see him but without success. As soon as I succeed in doing this I will let you know what he says as to payment, return of MSS &c. I am sorry I only had time to read the first few pages. It gives me the idea of being up to your standard. It shows no falling off in power.

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I Am so busy now that I have no time to spare for anything but the "shop" - but why dont you write as to what you have been doing lately. Frodham told me on his visit that there was a chance of your coming over here about this time - Is that so? -

That delay & uncertainty was rather annoying but it is cleared up at last. 3 days ago I got a letter from a Mr. Gill, a solicitor at daylesford to whom my letter had gone in consequence of the vagueness of the address - a day or so before I heard from Morant -

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here is now & nearly, in a few months will be, worth £300 p.a. - Of course I know you'll hang your shoulders at this & say "The donkey only ~~he~~ looks at the present," - I don't - I want to make a ~~most~~ move - I know, after all, that the present is only semi-agnation - that the chance of being admitted here is nil - I am ready for a dash but I must exercise a wise adventurousness - Because I write in this strain don't think I undervalue the thoughtful kindness of yourself & others of my friends, for I am deeply & sensibly of the debt of gratitude I owe you - At present, then, I'll go on in the same style & content myself with watching the prospects of both Tasmania & W.L.

I'll write occasionally to the same effect.

I have now been 3 weeks in
my new office & like it the
best of any in my
Melbourne Experience - The
work is hard but I go at
it with a will & by dint
of night work manage
to keep arrears down -
We do a lot of Tasmanian
business & by the way, if
you could get me an order
for any agency work it would
be a good thing for me -

You might find out what firms
are unrepresented here & if there
are any send us the agency

This is one of the largest
Offices in Town - There being
19 of us in the office altogether.

Mendon Hirst C.P.F.

Remember me affectionately
to Writton, Jory & the Frodshams.
Have you seen Mr. F, Jure, yet?

Keep up the Exchange of
Hobart Town papers, especially
if there is any legal
news in them.

How are you progressing
in the profession - Don't let literature
take you away from law
yet.

I don't think of anything
more just now so will close up
for once, more thanking you
for kindnesses believe me

Your affectionate friend
W. Hill