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22 Aug 1901

My dear Andrew,

I got your cablegram on Saturday morning and went out to see Walter in the afternoon. He lives at South Yarra now. I found him in a very low condition and much depressed. It appears he only got your letter of 7th inst very lately through his absence from office and the neglect to send it on to him from there. After I had seen him I saw Wimpole, and as a result of the interview I cabled you on Saturday evening that he agreed to the arrangements.

mentioned in your letter  
without making any extra  
charge. He is desirous  
that you should a little  
while before you come over  
give him notice of the day  
you expect to turn up.

I trust you will defer  
your visit to at least three  
weeks from this time. We  
are having very wet and  
disconsolate weather just now,  
and it is likely to last off  
and on for some time. As  
I told you in my last, this  
winter commenced without rain  
— a sure thing for rain to  
be a good deal about at the  
finish. High winds generally

set in about the end of August.  
Walter thoroughly endorses my  
opinion that it would in  
every way be injudicious  
for you to bring Mrs L &  
the family over till the  
middle or end of September.  
It would be miserable for  
you to have a rough  
passage, and inclement  
weather during your stay.  
I hope our opinion will  
prevail with you -

These are only a few  
lines to supplement the  
cablegram; so I will now  
subscribe myself with best  
regards to Mr L & et omnes  
Always affly yours  
J. G. W. Allen