

St Andrews Hotel, Victoria St
Melbourne 28 May 1878

Dear Andrew,

I received your last letter of the 25th a moment ago & proceed to answer it at once. It is very urgent to me both from your own letters & those of Jey that you suspect me of lack of faithfulness to your wishes ~~in the matter~~. I'll give you an idea of what I have done in the matter:— I have written at least 6 letters to Marking, I have called on Jey here at the Post Office & other places about a dozen times I have called on Jey his friend & Coadjutor Mr. A. M. Lopp more than that number— Jey's business has also given me a lot of trouble & I wrote to him on the matter of this post— All this has been done at the greatest personal inconvenience & very often when I could ill afford the time, for my duties are now of a most onerous nature

#We have just completed a very
heavy nisi print sitting, having
had 7 Melb & Circuit Cases, some
- of them of great importance; in
fact my time now from 9 am to
dark is fully occupied & anything
Else has to take its chance after
that time - Well I've got the
~~got the~~ "basis of morality" yesterday
(^{at the court})
afternoon & called again for the other
M.S. ^{this} afternoon at 5^o to meet with the old
copy, that Mr. Martin seemed to
have forgotten it. Of course I'll
send it as soon as I get it. I
should have liked to have read the
"true basis" but have not had time
to ~~submit~~ ^{open} it. Of course, I only
mention what I have done in this
matter to excuse myself from the
suspicion I lie under, not from any
desire to complain of any "trouble"

(As you & Ivey both rather unkindly
term it) I have had. You ought to
both know that it affords me great
pleasure to do either of you any
service -

I have no news of importance -
We are very busy & I am doing,
as I told you I would, reading
hard. Luckily my health keeps
good - I was offered the
management of the largest firm in
Melb. ^(Messrs Taylor Buckland & Gately) a few weeks back, much
to my surprise, as I had not
solicited it in any way. The negotiations
resulted in my remaining where I was
at an increased salary (£300 p.a) & my
giving Messrs K C & D an undertaking
not to leave their service for that of any
other firm in Victoria, but I told them
when I did so that I had hopes of
the future of Tasmania that might

at any time bring my services to birth
them to a close after a month's notice
(so much for my being 'Encumbered' of Melb)

These projected changes did double good. I
got my increase & succeeded in getting 'whiting'
the coveted title (after his first application
had been previously rejected). He desires as
do I, to be very kindly remembered. Both to
you & Mrs. Clark - By the way the net
profit of my department after deducting
my salary, Counsel's fees, & pretty cash &c
& arising from my unassisted exertions,
for the last 9 months of my service was
found by the Accountant to be £1670!

I have I believe succeeded in getting
freed from the Entanglement I mentioned
when you were last here, but have not
succeeded in my other plan, which is
a source of much unhappiness to me.

One word before closing - I wish you
would send me any papers containing legal
news in Tasmania, especially as regards your
own cases. How is it you did not send me
the report of the capital case you were
retained in, for the successful termination of
which, accept my warmest congratulations -
I must now say good bye with affectionate
regards to yourself & Mrs. Clark believe me to be
ever affectionately yours W. G. P.

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I suppose you got