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KLINGENDER, CHARLEY
& DICKSON.

Bank Place.

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Dear Andrew

I thought I should
have heard from you before
this but, as I have not,
conclude you have been
either ill or too busy to
spare your poor friend a
line - I hope it is not
the former for your lucky
fellows in Tasmania ought
to be revelling in the
glorious weather the departing
summer was wont to
bring, while we, poor
wretches, have been roasted
in - We have had very
unpleasant weather since
you left & the heat has been

At times ² intense. I can't
make out your silence - you
haernt even sent me a
newspaper - I see your
client has for the present
escaped the 'first penalty
of his crimes' but I am
not indebted to you for
learning that fact - If
however you have been ill, old
fellow, accept my warmest
sympathy, if busy, my
congratulations but in either
event you have 'been rather
'rough' on me lately. I
think I must have greatly
displeased you during your
stay here despite your
protestations to the contrary.
Come, wake up, and send
me a line - I have been
very unwell myself lately
I am under medical
treatment, now - I think
I am blasé; my medico
says I am 'overworked & want

A change of air - He
 may be right - but his
 opinion will not bring
 me relief - I suppose I
 must struggle on to the end.
 I have had 2 letters

from Moriarty since you left
 and must ~~be~~ tender both you & him
 my thanks for the interest you take
 in my behalf - I have answered
 Moriarty's first which was an
 offer to let me take the conduct
 of his business for a while,
 preparatory to starting in Tasmania.
 Of course I was obliged to decline
 it as holidays, like this, are
 ought of the question, & any move
 I make must be final and
 decisive - I told him fully my
 hopes & schemes. He replied that he
 thought I was right and that I
 had better remain where I was
 until I had some more
 definite plan of action -

Whiting sends his kind regards.
 We are without news from
 New South Wales but expect
 our friends down shortly - I notice

by the Gazette of that Colony
that three months residence is now
required before admission—

I don't think I have any news—
We have been going on just the same.
You remember my matrimonial
dilemma? I did nothing in the
matter of the young lady in question
(I mean the wrong one) ~~has come up~~
again from Geelong to day— I must
meet my fate but dread the
interview very much— Poor devil!

Please remember me very
kindly to Mrs. Clark & Winton,
and Ivey & tell the latter
that I have not yet come across
the party he mentioned in his
last. I cannot make any
promises as regards letter
writing— I am so wearied
with my exertions when I get
home of an evening that I
am incapable of any exertion
I am no doubt unwell— I
am trying to patch up things
by taking sea side Sunday trips—
How good bye old fellow
with warmest wishes for your
health & prosperity believe me
your affectionate friend
W. Hill