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My dear Andrew,

This note is scrawled
in the brief interval of
a few minutes snatched from
the calls of office work &
is intended ^{only} as a preliminary
reply to that part of
your letter which deals
with my prospects in
Tasmania. I thank you
from the bottom of my heart
for your kind interest in
my welfare & hope some
day to put my gratitude
in something more than
words.

The position in which
I am placed is a somewhat
peculiar one & the difficulties
attending it have been
previously adverted to by
me. On the whole I think
I would make no change
of residence if I thought
I had a fair prospect of
obtaining admission here
during (say) this year.

But I am doubtful about
this, & will no longer
than possible waste the
Energies & best part of my
life in heavy & unremitting
-ergetic labor. But, on the
other hand, I do not feel
inclined to give up, without
a struggle, a possible chance

of destroying myself in
life, for I cannot but feel
that if I had a fair chance
I could show that there is
something within me that
is not of the common. My
paper justifies me in saying
this. If, however, I accept
any Government situation,
farewell alike to honor
independence & I must
be frank ^{enough} to say that I
have not altered my views
of old ^{by} that ordinary
Govt situations should be
improved either on ^{men}
who have proved either
failures in their profession
or detractors of anything
that could disturb

them above their fellows. It
seems to me a ignoble if
safe retreat, from the battle
of life.

Moreover, I have so much
confidence in your sagacity
& knowledge of my feelings,
that I leave myself un-
reservedly in your kind hands
feeling confidence & security
in your decision.

If I could see my way to
return to Armenia without
sacrificing my profession
it would be far more palatable
to me than accepting a
situation however good, but
I suppose there's no prospect
of that.

I will write a much
longer letter in the course

of the week but at
present I can
do no more than
once more Express
my Thanks for your
kindness & remain (healed)
Ever affectionately
Yours

Wm. Robert

P.S. My present income
is £350 p. ann & my
Expenses are about £300