Private

Bank Place.

Melbourne 13 May 1884

My dear friend,

This note is scrambled with the brief interval of a few minutes wasted from the call of office work, and is intended as a preliminary reply to that part of your last, which deals with my prospects in Tasmania. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kind interest in my welfare, and hope some day to pay my gratitude in something more real.

Yours

[Signature]
The position in which I am placed is a somewhat
peculiar one. The difficulties
attending it have been
previously adverted to by
me. In the whole I think
I could 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. I will no longer

man hopeable waste the
energies I best best of my

life in heavy and remon-
creant labor. But in the
other hand, I do not feel
inclined to give up, without
a struggle, a hopeble chance
of destroying myself in life, for I cannot but feel that if I had a fancy chance I could show that there is something within one that is not of the common. My friends justify me in saying this. I, however, do accept any Government situation, farewell alike to my dependence if I must be frank to say that if I have not altered any views of old in that ordinary<br>good situations should be inferior either on time who have strong either failures in their profession or the state of anything that could distinguish
There above there fellows. It seems to me an ignoble if safe retreat from the battle of life.

Moreover, I have to add Compliments in your sagacity and Knowledge of my feelings, that I find myself ever so resolutely in your hands feeling Confidence in yourself in your decision.

If I could see my way to return to Tasmania without sacrificing any, I was fully certain would before more obstacles to use than accepting a situation however good, but I suppose there's no question 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 & rain checks
Ever affectionately mine

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[Signature]

P.S. My present income
is £350 p. a. and my
expenses are about £375