

Melbourne

6 Feb'y '85

My dear Andrew,

I hope you will excuse this brief note. I have been hoping to be able to write you a long & loving letter but I have been so busy that I have not found time. I found things in a terrible muddle at the office & since then work has poured in to such an extent that I have had

much ado to keep pace
with it. In addition to this
all my old ailments have
returned to dyspepsia, bilious-
ness to insomnia make this
"human life a hell". Despite
this I intend to keep up
a stout heart to I am working
like a tiger. At present I
am gorging My George. (By
the way, can you send me the
date of the "Times" article
referred to in the leading article
of the Sydney "Bulletin" of

31st ulto. It would "fetch"
Dobbie, if he has not seen it

I believe K C & D are
shortly about to dissolve.

This is noised abroad & I
have rec^d several offers
from other firms. I shall
probably close with one of
them shortly & will write
you fully by an early post.

I am to see Higginbotham
next week on the admission
question.

On the night preceding

my departure from Hobart
my brother begged me to
take a share in his business.

What do you think of it?

I am strongly tempted to
accept it. Joe is dead against
it but you know all the
pros & con.s. The matter is to
stand over till I decide.

Joe finally decided to
decline Dodds's offer & wrote
to that effect. Before he did
so he was melancholy &
distant to a distressing degree

but as soon as he had done
the deed he recovered his
usual spirits. I am going
in for a course of legal
work with him as soon as
he has finished his seemingly
interminable tourney.

Please give my love
to Mrs Clark & to all your
little ones, - especially to Heck
& Emma. I trust you are
all well & that Miss Pop
had recovered her health before
she left. Please give my

kindest regards to Miss
 Minnie & Erny & to all
 the brood of Menivia, especially
 Edward, Burn & Dobbie.

I can never forget
 the kindness you & Mrs
 Clark showed me & the
 recollection of the delight-
 ful hours spent with
 you will be a life long
 source of delight.

What about the
 Mercury? Shall I send
 you a P. O. order for

(Say) 200 after 11th inst.

I hope you will understand that this is only a preliminary letter & that a larger one will soon follow.

I must now conclude as the hour is late & I have to write to my brother before going to bed.

With kindest regards & wishes for your health & prosperity Believe me

Ever affectionately
Thine

A. Lupton Clark
W. H. Hobart