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JUDGES' CHAMBERS,
BRISBANE.

18th Jan 1901

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Judges' Chambers,
Brisbane

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My dear Clark

Thanks for your wire and letter, which I received yesterday. I had a long talk with Deakin last Wednesday, but he did not tell me anything as to his intentions except his fear of Reid's opposition to the appointment of more than 3 Judges. I do not share his fears, & told him I thought I could convince Reid, and would, if necessary, try to do so. I undertook to help him in framing the Judicature Bill, which, on consideration, appears to be rather large and difficult undertaking.

I mentioned to Lord Hopetoun the question which you raised about the Duke of York, and found that he had already considered it, and was fully aware of the difficulty. He is, not, I think, at all disposed to surrender his own rightful function of opening Parliament. I think I have a good deal of influence with Reid - I judge from his conversation with me in Sydney in which he made no secret of his intention and wishes, and of his determination to give effect to these if possible -

Yours very truly

S.W. Griffith