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The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

House of Representatives,

Parliament House,

Melbourne.

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Dear Mr Clark

Your letter  
about Stratton to hand I had  
previously seen him & gave him  
a letter of introduction to the  
Colonial Sugar Co Ltd; but they  
could not find an opening  
and things in his line appear  
very dull in N.S. Wales generally.

I can not do anything with  
the Sugar Departments as they

irrevocably overlook any  
recommendations from Federal  
politicians - in fact it does the  
applicant more harm than good  
So Kern is the objection to any  
Federal interference with State  
patronage. I gave Sturton a  
good recommendation & told  
our office to do what they could  
if they were referred to.

I have been improving in health,  
considerably lately, but have no  
doubt whatever that my heart is  
affected & consequently have to  
go very slowly. The children  
are down here with us for their  
holidays and we are comparatively

and feel at home; but I am getting sick of both  
business & politics and would gladly retire to  
a modest competency & a garden when I could  
"rustle out life's tapes to its close." I hope  
you & Mrs Clark are well and that you get  
good accounts from the boys

Yours very truly  
J. P. Howard