

FORDS YORK HOTEL,

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Dear Mr Clark _

Your letter was forwarded from Melbourne with its enclosed letter of introduction to Mr. Deakin which I shall take pleasure in presenting when I return to Melbourne next week. I want to thank you for your kindness in sending me this letter, and regret that for the time being I can only add it to the score of many other courti[?]sies shown me while I was in Hobart, and hope that the opportunity will some time offer for me to show my appreciation in other ways.

I am very sorry to hear that you have been ill, but hope that you are now fully recovered. The holiday season when all should be happy, is an unfortunate time for illness.

Please give my kind regards to Mrs Clark and accept for her and yourself my best wishes of the season. Please tell Mrs Clark, that remembering her interest in American Cooking[?], I have asked my Mother to send in my name the best American Cook book she can recommend. I sincerely trust that the selection made will not weaken your opinion of our good taste in these matters.

Sincerely Yours

C H Stevens [Signature]