

My dear Sir

Hawthridge 13 Feb 1855 —

I send you Clarkes travels - and some tuteji roots which I believe to be of good sort - I hope Mr Charles will feel as much benefit in regard of his health, from his voyage, as he certainly will in the improvement of his mind and in future pleasant recollections of what he has seen and learnt -

My harvest is collected, a pretty favorable one, but the expence very great. Fully £200 besides use of horses and wear and tear of carts and waggons - I do not find the reaping machine of any use, indeed we scarcely tried it, I think however we should have gained by so doing, for it would have cut the stubble close and saved the trouble and danger of burning it - Some Vagabond fiddlers, the other day chose to dine on the road, and to set fire to the grass, which came within a yard of burning the blacksmiths house and shop - and from thence got into my forest, but by exertion of the neighbour, and neighbouring reapers, was put down with loss of about 5 chains of fencing - An hours delay in assistance, would have set the whole forest in a blaze and perhaps have burnt for weeks - The fellows were insolent instead of sorry - * The constables took them to Mr Mason, but altho the breach of the act was as plain as could be, I do not as yet, hear of any punishment - Indeed I met next day two of them returning to Launceston - I cannot compliment your new, coat makers, on their ability in that line - great omisions occur in all of them - In the servants act no provision is made for their attending religious duties which is highly necessary here, altho custom and a general feeling of decency prevails in England so as to render it obsolete

* The act himself have authorized the seizure of persons convicted in the year

obsolete - "Quid leges sine moribus vane proficiunt" without
morality laws are useless - without attendance on religious duty
and ceremonies - morality will never be attained. here,
The compelling settlers to take out a license for selling Cyder
wholesale is the reverse of the practice in England where its
growth is encouraged, both as affording great increase in
farm produce and decrease in the consumption of foreign
and spirituous liquors - what Gentleman would take the
pains to plant an Orchard subject to being obliged to buy
a license which reduces him from a Gentleman to a
tradesman -

As to the Governor - I have been bred and fructised in
the belief, that there is no difference in such as have a just
claim to be called Gentlemen, in regard of their claims to
gentlemanly courtesy and treatment - So Wit - a Clergyman
is a gentleman - so is a Bishop - so is a Governor -
in that respect they are entirely on an equality -
~~with a~~ a Bishop has a right to respect full
conduct from a Priest - a Governor - from a Bishop
and from all - On the other hand the higher the rank
the more of etiquette and gentlemanly feeling should be
shewn by its possessors - I without ceremony made the
Governor sensible of this and at same time convinced myself,
that he was to Numburg, as represented by those with whom
I quarrelled (to my great discomfort) on his behalf - I also
considered myself happy that I never applied for, or received
any favor from him on that account - and that the balance
was in my favor - I am rather surprised at your considering
that he showed too much condescension to your humble self -
How are you more humble than him - Has what he has done
for you (if any thing) been more than you have done for him -
So the point - He showed me as much of what you call condescension
even of what might be called friendship as he did to you -
My power to serve him ceased; yours did not - Of course he
continued his civility to you; both on that account and for

another fair reason I must confess) your house and family and
apparatus for entertaining Garrison and consequently experience
their condescension, were altogether superior to mine - If he had not
affronted my Wife by telling her how desirous his, ~~was of her~~ ^{Wife's}
making her acquaintance, and then remaining at the Inn for
hours and paying the horse ^{with her} twice without calling - I should not
have been excited - but that brought to my memory what is
said in one of the best books in the Bible - and which in future
I shall strictly adhere to, (if not to any other part) By Ecclesiasticus
Chapter 13 ^{proverbs} - 4 6 11 were particular -
I felt hurt, because I considered him as a worthy ^{representative} ~~of~~ ^{of} me
of whose acquaintance I was proud - but I have also been so
treated by low born and low bred persons which has
never troubled me a moment - one was painful as
the sting of a wasp might be, the other, ^{as the bite of a flea,} only annoyed
me enough to make me glad to be rid of him
with kind regards to all your family

Wm. Leake Esq

Your truly

Wood

What do you think of Mr Wilsons affair. In my opinion
he only repeated (Newspaper fashion) what had been published
by all the Scurrilous inhabitants of this place Clergy at
their head - yet I wonder at his being patronised by
Mr Gunn & Sinclair who must have double minds
one to agree with the Govern ~~the~~ other with his
enemies and the slanderers of the colonies