

My dear Sir — 7 May 1857 —

I thank you very much for the strawberry plants, and the Mulberry tree, it is a beautiful one, so large that even at my advanced age I may hope to eat some of its fruit - I also thank you for saying that you would visit me again - and that soon - but at present my servant Woman on whose management all the comfort of my visitors depends, is very ill, when she gets better - I shall immediately claim your promise - The company of comedians commonly called the house of Assembly have of late performed some very laughable farces - doubtless to the great amusement of such as do not regard the disagreeable results of such low acting - Every day confirms me in my always professed opinion, that we have been premature in violating ourselves of convicts and of the control and consequent willing support of England - and we shall have to pay more for our whistle more than it is worth - With kind respects to Miss Lethe and your Son yours truly W Wood

I hope the new machinery will not be their desire to economise. I disagree however by regarding - but the Governor might perhaps do well by returning surplus of part of same money to the

I like the Machinery very well but the carriage is too expensive