

My dear Sir - Hawkrigde 20 Oct 51

I said in my letter that I had not read Saturdays Chronicle – I have since received it – and read the proceedings of Mondays meeting –

Mr Allison has proved that he has acted well whilst in office – [illegible] but I cannot approve his proposal of shaking hands with Mr Kermode after the contest – It is a mean carrying proposal – If Mr Kermode deserves to be turned out for his conduct towards the Govr – and for his abuse of our colony – Mr A who ought to be much attached to the Govr - acts meanly in saying he would be friends with Mr K – besides I almost know that happen which will, they never can be really friends –

The Effect will be that Mr Allison will lose his election – for the only, at least the greatest plea Mr Kermodes friends would have for leaving him – would be that they could not be friends with a man so violent and sanguinary – but if Mr Allison can be so, why of course they may –

I like to see men determined – Of course what I have proposed in my letter, will not meet your approbation –

You will see that a postscript in my correspondence of Saturday in the Chronicle was omitted – I forgot to add it but sent it to Launceston immediately after my letter –

PS – The mention Mr Drakes in his letter of having 10 Children for whom he lived – and the Severity of the law for the protection of Bullies and poltroons – deprive me of any wish to settle the matter in the manner I should otherwise have preferred -

Yours truly
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[the following written in the LHS margin]

Our Blacksmith told Charles that Mr W Gibson said to him I understand you have been provided in [?] to vote for Mr Allison if you do I will never employ you again