

My dear Sir - Newbury, 19th Oct 1857

I am so put out of sorts by my sons leaving me again that if I was not of a disposition not to be drawn away from any thing I considered to be right - I should drop every thing concerning Elections - I do not think I shall be able to accept your kind invitation for the 28th

It strikes me that Mr. Allison's friends do not speak or write enough on his behalf - I hope that on Monday, some one will speak on the hint I sent to Mr. Sitten, as to the effect that choosing a man that had used such expressions towards the Queen's representative as Mr. Hermode has done, would have in England, whether it would not be taken as one of the strongest proofs of the depravity of our general character. Whether any County or Borough in England would admit a man who had spoken in regard of the Queen as he has of her representative -

Whether such speeches would not even have drawn Mr. Hermode from society and involved him in serious scrapes -

Whether the Electors of Campbell town should not consider their reputation for propriety and loyalty depended greatly on their electing an active steady man in stead of a fool or madman or both - who as comprising a 24th part of our law makers - could do much more mischief than the same person in the English house of above 600, not one of whom would probably agree to sit with him - and whether private connexion or friendship should not in such a case as the present give way to public duty -

It strikes me that some such speech on Tuesday would do much, or an advertisement or both - I have not heard how the meetings at Campbell town last Monday & Tuesday were carried on - I have not seen yesterday's papers
Yours very truly W. Wood

I wish I could get the Chronicle papers for three fortnights of 1849 - I would return them in three days - I have best use make and have no copies of my correspondence - nor of actual papers at the dining table.