

My dear Jane

I am happy to say that Baby's bonnet has at last reached its destination & I thank you for it as well as the blue band.

The Archdeacon called this morning with Mr & Mrs Davis, he seems an agreeable gentlemanly man, I was not at church on Sunday to hear his preach, but Weston was much pleased with his discourse I have had worse cold lately than I have had since I have been on this side the Island consequently have not been out.

I expect to get your parcel from Mr Brothers this week. Colonel Arthur has not been in this district yet. - I want you to tell me if there is any thing new in the cut of the chape W - brought me home lately a Claret Coloured Moore's which I shall make for the winter; I should like if it would not be very expensive to have a silk bonnet for the winter perhaps you could get it made and sent over, or perhaps you could get one ready made. -

Mr Martin wrote to Weston the day you last wrote on; both letters were mislaid and did not reach till Saturday, Mr M - wished an answer to his to be left at Lopez Inn but as he was to start so soon from Hobart Town there was no time chance of a letter being of any use. We were expecting him at 11th on Saturday night or Sunday morning.

He did not know how to get Mrs Martin over, he wished to buy a gig if possible, if not they proposed travelling by the Lopez's conveyance. as there is no land at present for sale in this neighbourhood Weston has taken a small cottage for them at £80 a year there are only a few acres of land attached to it and none fit for cultivation, but every person who comes into the district wish to reside in it in preference to any other. — When you come I hope you will think the same. All our time is taken up carting for the house. we could not get Huon Pine, so have bought New Zealand for flooring, up stairs, it is quite an undertaking getting it all out of Laurenceston One kiln of Bricks are burnt. We sent home by the Thomas for £20 worth of crockery namely a dinner set for 18 persons a decent Tea & Breakfast set 6 Basins & Eggs

~~more~~. — I much wish you would let me know when you have an opportunity of writing to Charles, and I shall be obliged by your sending me back his letter for shall not know how to direct it otherwise. — I was quite ashamed of Weston asking you for seeds again, I would not have been so bold, but as you are so good natured as not to scold him. I must say we want them much

having been unfortunate with the last. The man who used to work as ^{our} gardener ran away at Christmas, since then it has sadly ^{our} to waste, I wish we could get a gardener but I fear there is no chance for us, as we learn since writing to the board of assignment that there are 2000 applications for men already before them so we must wait ^{as} patiently as we can, I am quite fretting about having my operations stopped at this important season.

Heston in his last to you asked for a small sack of Haws as we wish to enclose the ground round the house with a live fence. Has Captain Boyd come to reside on this side, if so I shall call on Lady Betty as we used to call his lady, I expect to go into Laines town soon when I shall endeavour to see Mrs Friend she has not been out to the plains yet. Is Peter Allen coming to see this side of the country ^{on this} if so say we shall be glad to see him.

We have not seen John for some time, he does not think it right to leave home while some Bushrangers are supposed to be in the neighbourhood he much wished us to go down this season but we could not manage it. Yours very affectionately

17 April 1833

Ann

P.S. I wish you would send one of Dr Watts' first prayers for children