

644 Geary St. South Spring 6/12 - 1882

My dear Friend
Dr. Snow

In case a letter which Abraham
Davy intended, writing to thee, has not
come to hand, I concluded to send thee
a few lines myself, hoping they may find
thee in good health. - We are favored with
a good share at present, though the late
changes in the weather have been trying.

Many trials & changes have visited this
small meeting since thou wast here.

Theodore West, to our great regret, left
Spring several months since, as thou mayest
know - to a situation on Rooty Hill. He
met with sad loss (of his nice son Howel)
which was forfeited, in spite of his having
made every arrangement for its being secured
to him. He has been very much tried

I toped about, and the last we heard of them
was thro' some very nice kind letters from
him & his Wife, who is remaining at
Prosper - Rootz Hills, while his letter
was dated Sofala - Thron, he seems in
very good health & has obtained some
employment. I ought to say his youngest
child, a little baby - a boy - died some months
since.

Samuel Dartons we
fear, is rather uncertain, as to rem-
aining in Sydney, being now out
of a situation, having also suffered great
trials. I don't know whether thou
met with Dr Cox of Mawaira, if so, thou
wilt be pleased to hear, every thing we
hear, from good authority, is going on, more
comfortably - in fact most satisfactorily.
This is the more pleasing, as he is an agree-
able, benevolent & friendly person.

Our dear Friend, Ruth Allen, with her hus-
band & family are pretty well, or appeared so
yesterday. Joseph Simms is very poorly
indeed. We have been greatly troubled
by the case of John Marjine, which

I need not go into much more, as the letter above referred to - from A. Davy is to give thee more particulars. All I need now say is, that his conduct seemed so contrary to Friends Principles, indeed, so offensive, that we felt it an immense duty - after remonstrating privately with him & three or four of us, after it had been brought before the meeting - to disunite him formally - as he really seemed to be bringing a scandal on the name of a friend - We did not take that extreme step until he had been more visited both privately & otherwise than is usually the case - also J. Simms & myself visited the court to watch the case which was a law-case, and seemed most clear & conclusive against J. Moring to the convincing of all concerned (except himself) - his own lawyer included.

This lawyer, stated that had he known what sort of a case it was to be he would not have undertaken it and John's usual lawyers at that time - had previously declined having any thing to do with it. His witnesses, were disreputable females who committed perjury.

Thomas Skinner, whom J. Simms & I visited the other evening, with his wife & family seem well. They seemed to agree with us, in our proceedings respecting J. Moring - Elizabeth Skinner made

The observation, that John never was so
low had been the least of a friend - or to that
effect. Show with sympathies with us I am sure
in this, and in our other troubles.

With kind love from my wife & myself
I remain thy affec^t friend
John Palmer

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