

Newdon. 13/7/50

My Dear Friend

Joseph Benson Mather

As Silney & his Father have not returned from the Schooners I have taken up my pen to write a few lines - The weather has been very calm & pleasant until today. when the wind rose high & very cold blowing from S. West. it has increased this afternoon so that there is no prospect of their coming home by the Boat, if any come, they must walk round by Robt. Hepburns, more than 22 Miles. J. Roberts letter has not been delivered but Father will no doubt come to Town as soon as he can, and thou wilt please tell J. Roberts so - Mothers kind love to Sister Mather, she received her letter for which she is obliged - Mother has been very poorly this week and is unable to write

to Maria which she wished to have done she is however very thankful to learn that Maria is a little better. Mary sends her love to James and is very much pleased with his note she intends to answer it by Father Maria if she had come down when first proposed, would have had beautiful weather, the winter has been dry calm & warm, it would no doubt have been of great benefit to her, and the children, and I think we would have taken as great care of the latter as you do for James tells us that little Esther was met with an accident the other day, at any rate we should have been highly pleased with their company.

Poole who married Agnes Buxton is committed to take his trial for killing two bullocks, they belonged to a man named Brumflet; Brumflet gave Poole £10 to keep for him, and when the money was demanded Poole refused to give it up. Brumflet took the matter to the Court of Requests, and Poole was cast, not having any money he gave the two bullocks, & then with two other men drove them into a remote place and shot them, one of the men has turned King's evidence, the other is a man of very bad character ~~and~~ if they are found guilty

it will rid this District of two very bad characters, it is however a painful matter for Agnes & her two little children we feel much for poor Ellen Buxton she has had plenty of trouble with her family - Thou didst not say whether thou still had the piece of ~~moreen~~ mentioned last post - A letter has come from the Survey Office for the rent (£5) for 500 Acres Swan River Lot. 139. which must be paid by 1<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>mo</sup> be so kind as to see to it - Will thou please send me a pair of second size Spring Stirrups - a small quantity of Trip some of the seed of the large Cucumber - and some Mignonette seed for Mother - a good deal she says and a few yards of black holland -

We are anxiously expecting them from the Schoutens, it is said there is a great quantity of bone to be procured from beneath the Sand. Silvey will have an immense deal of news to give us on his return, our only fear is that they will fall short of provisions. Should the weather detain them much longer -

Mother is much better this Evening, ~~as regards~~ ~~the~~ ~~prognosis~~ we are sorry to hear of G<sup>W</sup>. Walker's illness, it seems to be prevailing as several of the Children have had boils lately & George is now suffering from two large ones on his Thigh - Oatmeal is generally sold very high but if 1 Cwt or so was bought could it not be obtained at as low a price as Flour, if so we should like to have a quantity -

Wish thou remembered if Mr Peacock's letter was  
posted, as it was sent up with the Police Returns, which  
were mislaid I have thought it might also have  
been forgotten, and I am surprised I have not heard  
from him -

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Henry Boylston

We all that we at home with in kind  
love to all as if around and believe me  
remain thy friend George Lacey