Hobart. 21st Feb 1892
Sunday night.

Dear Boy,

Something always comes in the way to prevent you getting a proper letter. Tonight Bell came in to give me some information circule for the DEC Rauch case, and stayed until 11. This however matters less, as big deals are fitting and will have told you most of the news. You would be pleased to hear of poor Aunt Alice's death, though considering the state she was in it can only be looked on as a happy release. She had been getting weaker for some time, and so nervous disturbed that she could see no one but her own children. In the beginning of the week she began to wonder in her mind, kept on asking to be taken home to her own house.
On Thursday she gradually became unconscious. It was a mercy that she remained so until she passed away very peacefully at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. (Saturday). She is to be buried on Sunday morning. I think this a mistake. The funeral should have been this afternoon or to morrow morning, considering the heat of the weather.

Last week was Race week here and we had very hot weather. The first settled hot summer weather this year. This year has been quite Australian, the thermometer going up as high as 91° in the shade. In Adelaide one day it was 106° in the shade, and 160° in the sun. They must have had pretty a tough solid heat in Melbourne. So day is cooler but still hot. Sucedeit that I didn't go to the Races. I couldn't have managed it if I had wanted to. As it was I was working in the office all the holidays.
that a solicitor could appear for them. Next morning when the Attorney
Appeared with all the Commissioners
the two Barlays, Thomas Shorpton
with three Secretaries, and the
Solicitor General & Conno Solicitor,
all to exercise the power of preserve
their interest. I asked for an
adjudication that the matter
might be argued in Open Court
instead of before the CJ in
Chambers. The Solicitor General
made an explanation, and they
gave the Chief his opportunity.
He said he would give no opinion,
but proceeded to put it into the
Ministry for their unconstitutional
proceedings & their interference
with the Courts of Justice, a
thing which was beyond the
power of the Queen herself. It
was quite refreshing to hear
the old boy rubbing it in. Of course
I got the adjournment, & there
will be aby fight this week or next. I made the application to the change of the Court
understanding for Pearce the Chief
Indeed all the Judges would
revert the action of the Ministry.
It is grossly unfair to Pearce.
The general opinion is that the
Ministry have made a great
blunder. But the strongest objection
is to the persons selected to try
the Matter. The Ministry chose
Abach Manager. The two
Barclays, Union of the Union,
gues Thurlow of the Australasia.
Now the Barclays wonder why
have been denounced by the Manager
(Mr. Brown). The Directors in the
changed term, and it is well
known that the Barclays
especially have a little personal
feud with Brown of the
Association. They may be
guilty right, but people are
scandalised at their being
chosen as Judges to decide.
on the innocence or guilt of
Forsone Forteppers, after they have
expressed their opinion publicly
that they are criminals. The
greatest surprise is that the
Barclays, particularly, should
have accepted the appointment
under the circumstances. The
fact is that there is no fraud in
the matter, but the grossest
mismanagement. Probably the
Barclays will have a grudge
against me, though I am glad
you were bound to do the best
for my client, poor Pearce, who
especially, as he is half an imbecile,
cannot defend himself. But
you can fancy what a sorry
state he is in.
Mr. Clarke is away at present
for a fortnight, and then he goes
to the North West Coast. Perhaps
Mr. Clarke may go with him.
Miss Alice, who you will
remember was here last year is
coming back again by the P&O
Steamer which is to arrive to-morrow.
She is the first of the fruit steamer,
and shall leave one day now
of the P&O or Orient, until the
season is over. This is a good
thing for you, and you will
once more get Fijian apples.
I meant to send you one, but
the only thing would be to send
to Northham. Dear, you could not
get them over to Paris.
We are pleased to hear that
you are getting on well and
satisfied at having gone to Paris.
I haven't got the promised
sketches yet. They could only
come by one of the NZ or slow
Saraille steamers. Take care of
yourself. We are beginning to
consider the matter to your
return. The little mother is
well. Red comes back from
Redhead Bay on Tuesday.
Kiss you, my child!

Affectionately,
Mr.