

RS 16/2(3)

Final Departure from Hobart.

1843

About 4 in the morning, of Saturday the 4th of Nov. Mr. Peir & Mary. H. Kay & Mr. Dayman came on board, the 2 latter to remain with us during the day, the former to take another land. leave - I was aware of Mary's being in the cabin & standing over Eleanor's berth but I did not desire to waste myself to a second leave-taking, having parted from her the day before - she was much distressed, her emotion was almost violent.

Proceeding down I Incheasbeaux Channel (see p. 18. © as far as page 25.)

Monday 6th Nov. In / was a very showery day - about 10,

we left Clarke's in his boat & were landed on the bush covered part of the swamp below, being a part of the 640 acres lately purchased, & just where the side line is traced between Clarke & Capt. Pop's division of it - Clarke has already partially cleared by contract 25 acres of his own portion adjoining his old farm where potatoes planted in it - I wished to tread upon its looser ~~ground~~ & find specimens of his land stock with me a box to bring away some of the mould in -

There is a tolerably good foot path thro
the bush & swamp made by the splitters
who have been at work here, & who threw
down branches & logs across the path
to facilitate their own passage when loaded
with heavy burdens & cut steps in the
perforate trunks of trees for the same
purpose - we passed a rude halfpaved
hut which has been inhabited by these
people & some few trees - the ground
rises beyond & after proceeding a little
way, we stopped short at large perforate
swamp gum, which has been partly
used for splitting, & ground about which
the soil being of an average good
quality, not the very best, yet much
farther removed from being the worst,
& filled one of the divisions of my box
with it - Clark told me that his father &
his wife had been splitting here by his
permission, for that without it he would
never have been able to pay for his land.
He described Mrs Good as being the most
industrious & most able workman of
the two - Returning to the boat, we
saw the schooner party, Sir John, the Bishop
& Miss Williams on Mr Kerrs advancing
up the river in their boat - we greeted
them on their arrival amidst a shower of

mosquitoes which infested the shore of
 the swamp, & as we pushed off, saw
 them disappear one by one in the
 bush by the same inlet we had made
 use of. Mr. Gell remarked of them
 that they were all as it were strangers
 & birds of passage in these regions except
 the Bishop who was a part of the Natural
 History of the Country, the same as
 the birds & the bees. - when I repeated
 this to the Bishop, I said, the same
 as the birds & the bees & the mosquitoes,
 for which he menaced me with vengeance.
 We all met again shortly after at
 Fuller Jones's cottage where we were
 detained by the rain. - The Jones's agreement
 with me was transferred to Mr. Gell
 & I signed Bennett's deed afresh, giving
 him at his request another years
 grace before he was compelled to quit
 or pay. ^{I did the same for Herring,} I wrote also a letter to Dr.
 Turnbull, the chief object of which was
 to relieve my own mind as to the im-
 propriety which might have been produced
 on his by our leavetaking interview. I
 also agreed him, having first communicated
 with the Bishop, of the Collins's ^{willingness} ~~desire~~ to
 visit his aged mother for the purpose of
 relieving her whenever his visit was desired.

The rain coming a little, we took leave
of the pease, whom the Bishop would
have liked better had they not been Presby-
terian Independents, & landed at the
township, where I pointed out to the Bishop
the piece of land, inclosed by Good's & Thorpe's
locations, the brook & the stream which
I destined for the clergyman. I visited
also the new whitewashed cottage of Coleman
which is the neatest I have seen on the
settlement - It consists of 3 rooms, viz.
the entrance one, which is kitchen & parlor,
a bed room, & a 3^d, furnished with a table
& benches which I thought looked like a
drinking room, but which Mrs. Coleman
informed me was used for praying - pease
comes there with his followers - they pray
sing & he reads a sermon from a book.
I looked into Ballanbryne - he apologized
for the non-payment of the money
due for him, but he had an unusual
such a woful, thread bare appearance
that I could not find fault with him -
we bought of him a goat's milk which
I had formerly given him, & his wife
gave us a few green gooseberries -
One path down the river from hence to the

soon, Clark his man, Coleman & steering
 in the oarsmen & Mr. Gill the steerer, was
 performed in perfect silence. Mr. Gill's heart
 was no doubt full - the hour of his parting
 was at hand - After dinner, at which Mr.
 Steering sat down with us in his blue flannel
 smock frock, Clark was sent for & we drank
 to the health of "poor Franklin Louisia her
 mother & father" - Clark learnt from me
 with surprise as Mr. Kellaway had done
 the evening before that I had paid
 Sandy Mackay some years ago £5 to find
 a better road for them from Stewart. It seemed
 to make a great impression on them
 this sum paid to Sandy Mackay, for they
 knew that he only made a pretence of
 searching for a road, & that the weather
 happening to be very bad at the time,
 he no sooner entered the bush than he
 quitted it - he came back to me after
 a week's absence with a report that no
 better line aforesaid could be found than
 that which at present existed - The inha-
 bitants it appears, are now determined
 to make a guide road for themselves -

Dr. Bright has promised 5. Mr. Kellaway 5.
 Clark I believe 5. I promised them 5. Clark
 sd of. they wd get 30, it wd do - well - says
 the Bishop: I will give you 5 - & I too' said

Sir John - Clark thanked us all cordially
tho' shortly, & so did Herring. Clark's heart
warmed with the wine & the sympathy &
he became unusually talkative. He told
me how stuck he was in attending to the
accounts of the settlers at the town before
he did any thing else - & that he had closely
enquired into the complaint I told him
had been made against his bayman &
found it was without foundation. he was
always for speaking the truth he said, even
if it gave offence, but he did not know,
he thought it always assumed - he used to
do so with his old master in England who
writes to him to this day - The person alluded
to with whom Clark lived as gamekeeper
is ^{James Peas} Thomas Peas Esq. of Peas-march,
near Rye - Mr. Peas's estate is called Woodside,
which is the name Clark has given to his
own farm on the town. Clark told us of
his own uprightness & integrity, declaring
he had never received a shilling for his
master's game during all the years he lived
with him, & I believe Clark speaks the
truth. He said he had always been of a
very roving disposition, was fond of seeing
the world, could not rest in any place
even tho' he liked it - he had been to America.
That was not enough for him & he came
here where he found quite hard work
enough to steady him. - Mr. Gill brought

with him the deed of transfer from Mr. Pittman
& Mr. Capt. Poff's portion which Clark was
to sign Mr. Gill took back. The Bishop
seemed to feel a most kind benevolent
interest in the whole - he said he would
take particular charge of the steer for
my sake - the spoke of Mr. Steering &
regarded him with still more interest
when I said he was (I believed) the
grandson of a dean of St. Asaph & had
an Archbishop for his ancestor - He told
the Bishop he had himself received a
classical education -

The time of parting had now arrived - it
was already dark, & Mr. Gill had to be
taken back to Mr. Kellamys with whom
the next morning, he was to walk thro'
the bush into town -

I left the dinner table & retired into the
cabin whither Eliza joined me -
Mr. Gill soon came & in - I clasped him
in my arms whilst he sabbled with
intense emotion - leaving him with
Eliza, I then stood upon the ^{cabin} ~~steer~~
to avoid the rain upon deck & the company
of any one else - poor Mr. Gill told Eliza
he had known more peace of mind since he
had spoken to her than he had done for years
before -

for Tuesday 7th Nov^r. see
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Wednesday 8th Nov^r. When I went upon
deck in the afternoon, we had passed the
Schooners & the Bishop was sketching the
fine rocks of Wineglass Bay - One Wombal
Mr. Vermaux had put on board for me a wombat,
2 kangaroo rats & an opossum / was weddling
about the deck, making the regular tour of
the whole & suffering himself to be pelted by
every body - The next day, we coasted from
St. Patrick's head towards the Eddystone point
& being baffled by the Westery gales which
were blowing from the straits anchored
under Swan island, one of those 2 islands
on the N.W. coast of V.D. head which Sir John
has fixed upon for the site of the Light house
for Bass' Strait - under the lee of this island,
we had perfectly smooth water, & 2 other
vessels took shelter in the same anchorage,
the Abena which had been in sight all
day & which after attempting to keep her
course towards Port Phillip, was obliged to
turn back & the Abena Sylvanus, a vessel
also in the Port Phillip trade - another vessel
was seen in the offing, I believe the Scotia.
We remained here quietly for the night, &
the next morning went on shore, where Sir

in was requested by Mr. Watson, the builder,
 charge of the workmen who are quarrying
 building, to lay the first stone of the light-
 house - Watson has been about 6 months,
 he had previously erected the lighthouse on
 some island - he had with him at first
 10 convicts - these have now been increased
 to 22, & have hitherto been employed
 in making their own & the masters
 hats, in clearing paths & a cut track,
 & in quarrying stone which is brought
 from the limestone rocks on the beach
 & is used in its rough state. It was
 a large square map of this description
 laid on a bed of mortar which Sir John
 performed the mack ceremony of laying -
 there were no shears, nor were they
 washed - having handled the tassel, &c
 & tapped the stone, he turned round to
 the Bishop who with uncrowned head
 & a large prayer book in his hand, read
 the prayer "Present us O God, in all our
 doings &c" & then made a short but
 beautiful extempore prayer suitable
 to the design of the intended beacon -

We were under weigh about 4 in the
 morning (Tuesday the 7th Nov^r) as the wind
 not being favorable for attempting the passage
 by the Western Coast, went up J. Sabucco Bay,
 & at 3 o'clock when dinner was announced
 were under Mt Lewis where a signal was
 making of a ship from the Southward. A
 steamer from England was also coming
 up Strom Bay, under sail - She was the iron
 steamer for the Regiment purchased by the
 Steam Boat company for the traffic
 with New Norfolk - She has been 6 months
 from home - Lucas was on board of her as Pilot
 & brought her alongside - She is called the
 Thames; her long ^{wide} sides were without a
 bit of paint & nothing could be seen thro
 her appearance - Lucas saluted us very re-
 spectfully & we passed on - Peabey island
 was on fire in 2 places - I supposed it was
 then burning off the roots according to my
 suggestion - By the evening snow was
 round Cape Pearl & passed the entrance
 of Port Arthur - Johnson's isle appearing a
 head - The Bishop said it would be necessary
 for him to have a craft of his own, to make
 his visits here in & we discussed the
 probable expense of his purchasing & keeping

the Gunboat which they say is to be sold, for
 their purpose - Smith, the owner of the
 'Flying Fish' told ^{the Bishop} ~~him~~ he should like to be
 employed by him. - The Bishop & I had
 much disquisition also about the College -
 We anchored under St. Michael's Island for the night &
 were under weigh again about 4 in the morning
 about 10 o'clock we prepared for getting
 into the boat, taking with us a few barrels
 & a basket of provisions, it being the in-
 tention of Mr. Gill, Eleanor & myself, with
 my maid Mrs. Tomber to stop for the night at
 Mr. Clark's. - As we came to the settlement, I
 observed an opening made in Tom's allotment
 some trees felled & a hat creasing - he has
 let his allotment to a man of the name
 of Grey, who holds it on the same terms
 as Capt. Pop's tenants. - As we passed
 Stebbings's cottage, we heard some psalm
 singing, & afterwards learnt that his father
 in law, Oakley, the father of a man who
 is an applicant for one of Capt. Pop's
 allotments was lying dead in the house. -
 Stebbings & Lloyd's had gained the summit of
 the steep hills which rise in the rear of them
 & previously to this, Henry Kay, Mr. Dayman &
 Hepburn who had accompanied us thus far, took
 their leave of us - I gave Hepburn a portrait of
 Sir John to his great satisfaction & told Mr. Dayman there
 was one for him also - I wrote also to Major Linworth
 & to Mr. Howlowe -

dwellings & had a very interesting striking
 appearance - but the poor Bishop who had
 a bad cold, could not look at any thing
 in spite of his efforts & noddled in the
 back. We were struck with the very
 pretty position of St. Bishops house (later
 Bernard's) on its knoll, & with the Walter's
 cottage in the rear, completely enveloped
 as well as a cottage belonging to him in
 the foreground, in a dense mass of evergreen - a
 row of sassafras trees in the hollow of the hill behind Mr. Walter's
 has a beautiful effect. -
 The bell was ringing for church as we
 landed on the township pitty, at past
 2 o'clock - Mr. Steering was there to receive us.
 & a group of females with Mr. Kellaway
 were waiting outside the church door.
 Amongst them were Mrs. Kellaway, with
 her little daughter, her age about 5 years
 of age who was to be christened, & Mrs.
 Clark with her baby, & little girl of 9 months
 who it was settled was to receive my
 name - She is a fine young woman, the
 daughter of Mr. Kellaway - her husband re-
 mained at home to prepare for us - The
 Bishop robed at Thorpe's cottage where some
 cold plum pudding & cake had been provided
 for us - Mr. Gill having also put on his surplice
 & a chain for the Bishop & a table cloth
 for the Communion table having been procured

we entered the chapel which was crowded -
There were I think as many as 100 people
inside & a few remained out. In the midst
of the evening service, the Bishop bles-
s'd 4 children, viz, the little girl before mentioned
who stood before him with a look of great
veneration as he laid his hand
on her head, a little girl 9 days old ^{brought by Mrs. Coleman} who
was christened Maria, the child of an overseer
or tenant of Dr. Bright's of the name of
Watson, a bouncing boy of 9 months
the child of a person named Parsons higher
up the river who was christened Silas George
& Mrs. Clark's little baby - On the Bishop's
saying "name this child", the answer
was "Jane Franklin Louisa" - what? said
the Bishop - it was repeated ^{the Bishop says thanks} & the sweet
little baby which had one of the finest
pair of eyes I ever saw, received its name.
Mrs. Clark assured me that it was not she
who desired it, meaning that she had not
the presumption to ask it, but her husband
who would like it to be so called. I had
myself told him that if it would give him
any pleasure to give it my name, I should be
glad if he would do so - Mr. Sterling asked as
Clark - his names were given in most profane
style & the Bishop thought his reading good.

Indeed he seemed so favorably impressed by him that when Mr. King expressed his desire to become catechist & schoolmaster there, the Bishop listened to him very favorably. The Bishop's sermon was taken from the text, "Ye are bought with a price," an excellent subject for the congregation he was addressing & one which must have been very acceptable to them. The people all listened with great attention - he closed it with an earnest exhortation to attendance at the Communion which was to follow, & when I saw the whole congregation motionless for several minutes after he had given the blessing I began to think that either in their docility or their ignorance they ^{imagined} were all about to partake of it - nevertheless the service did not commence - the plate for the offering had been forgotten & had to be fetched & before all the arrangements were completed, the congregation had for the most part disappeared - Amongst those who remained, I found several Ballenhyne Thors & his eldest son, Mr. Clark, Mr. Kellan, Coleman, Mr. Lloyd & young Walter & his bride, a handsome young woman of the name of Garth, & a person who has some sawmills

on the Utton, come down - The elder Walter
his wife are gone to some new settlement
in N. W. Bay, leaving here the young man
who denies the abandonment of the Barge
is said to have become more steady -
his wife is said to be a remarkably well-
conducted young woman - Previously to
leaving Hobart, I signed a receipt of
the money for his allotment, half of
which had been paid me by the united
contributions of the 2 daughters & eldest
son. - Previous to leaving the settlement,
it was agreed that the Bishop rather
than Mr. Zell should perform the
funeral service for old Debley the next
morning, & in the morning being fixed
upon for the purpose; Mr. Zell very
properly deeming that the officers of
the Bishop would be more valued than
his own & would produce a good im-
pression. - The episcopal or ex-governor
party then returned to the schooner
whilst our own division proceeded in
Mr. Kellaway's boat to Clark's. - In our way
we remarked a very neat looking new

wooden cottage which we were told was
 fever's - It was on Mr. Jell's allotment
 which he rents - We landed there that
 Mr. Jell might see his own property
 & his own people & I congratulated him
 on having the most respectable and artistic
 family on the settlement as his tenants.
 On their other hand they seemed to
 be equally well pleased with their new
 landlord whom I introduced to them as
 Jack - They said they would like him
 to stop as their minister & schoolmaster
 if he knew the doctoryng, it would be
 so much the better - I said I would tell
 the Bishop - "Now don't ^{put} the Bishop up
 to that" said Mr. Jell - "There was no
 danger, for when I told the Bishop,
 he replied - "Mr. Jell indeed - it would
 be like putting a racehorse to draw a
 sand-cart -"

On arriving at Clark's, we found that his
 wife had gone over to her father's with the
 baby, to make the room ^{more} for us - Clark
 slept by the kitchen fire & the remainder of
 the accommodation was given up to us -

he had prepared a ~~piece~~ loan of roasted
pork & cold plum pudding with some
magnificent potatoes for our supper &
we left him in exchange half a pound
of beef, several joints of mutton -

We talked ^{with} Mr. Gill several points of
interest or business, but seeing his mind
certainly become distracted, I was not
surprised when prayer time arrived, to
hear him oblige to any but our dues
being present - after reading from the
Bible, he knelt down & with a voice
faltering & sometimes almost extinct
from emotion, made a *à l'extempore*
prayer applicable to our peculiar circum-
stances, praying blessings also upon him
who was absent & imploring that our
love might be sanctified in the sight
of God. "Thou knowest, O God," he said, "how
dear we are to each other - may we be
dear to thee also!"

Clark seemed pleased at the ~~off~~ conferring
of my name upon his child whom he
seems very proud of - I gave him a
handsome Bible & Prayer Book for her,
in which I wrote her name & on the
following inscription - in the Bible, "Luffer

little children to come unto me" he in the
prayer book, the text of the Bishop's
summon "Ye are brought with a pure" &c.

The Bishop seemed pleased when I told him
what I had written.

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Partly on steamer was himself. Miss W. M. Mearns
Gunn & Wedge - ^{the former & latter} told him he feared I
should be too much affected. But it was Sophy
who presumed my being waked & I was very
angry with her. I heard from her afterwards,
that when he gave the blessing the night before,
she kneeling near him, he laid his hand on
her head. he expressed his desire she remain
or return, & called her his property. - she expressed
some prob. of return to live with him - To please
he alluded to some thing & gave her to understand
when a young woman was engaged he thought she
shd follow her husband to any part of the world -
we were engaged in the letter & he persisted all day -
I sleep. went. addresser, Embark newspapers & writing
for Mr. Mearns - In I wrote to Prof. Richardson,
dined alone & wrote.

Tuesday 21. fine, Cabot's Red. & counting
boards, Miss Stuart & Davis kind. &
went after - plot found to lose Money - they
are not gone! - I wrote to Bishop - Mr
Wine arrived in evening, anchored at Pilot Point
& young Gill came on board - ate eagerly bread
& butter had not eaten for 4 months. my bread
sent to his uncle Mr Parker - see other paper
add. going first to fall - he obj? made first
claim - did not know him so - he wrote 2
letters here.

Wed. 22 - he came to breakfast & dined
after Mr Wine passed up snow. she went
did not see him but desired that W. to say I
hoped his visit wd be short & his cousin wd explain
to him why - & that he wd cease interference - felt
sure content in any one of those offers - he looked
rather surprised & interested & sd he was obliged - paper
sd we must start at 12. Dinner & Friend came on board
with all our letters - more joking abt leaving Mr
Friend had already telegraphed Felicity Fish & had

Mr. D. gave file of Manus for last 2 months
found had objected to whalley at table
but Mr. D. was sure we could hear it -
when I went on deck just before dinner
had already some way on voyage.

Thursday 23^d / Mr. D. wind - in night had passed
Ema Bay - Capt. crossed

afraid and - was in ~~Georgian~~
circumstances to go on - 10 Blong ground
had been nearly lost there - at 3
went on deck - had paper Table Cape

by headed steep cliffs - woods
apparent - lay on the side
but long catwalk of forest seen from
of Frederick river to E. to location here

Mr. later saw the rest of melting
snow, Duffin to E. on a narrow line
of coast high snow not seen - coast
seen from ~~off~~ ~~the~~ ~~bay~~ ~~among~~ ~~the~~ ~~mountains~~

ruined towards E. pt. on g. of Bay ^{Table}
has mountainous ocean bar - hills behind
towards Mackay Cape - coast more broken &
lower -

going up after dinner - saw 2 of Table Cape
& peaked cone, ^{with} ~~the~~ ~~landmark~~ ~~partly~~

the E. of this the high snow
hill in distance - saw the
coast for 8 miles - no land seen
inside Cir. head - going moon
changed at 2 in morning - this
Sun at 18 hours old - which
at 4th of moon