

Hope you will not let slip any opportunity of returning
remember that but few people come from day to day
here - The "Massachusetts"
is always a month or more
about.

Government House
W. D. Howland 14th May 1859

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My dearest Rose

A ship sails either this night or early
tomorrow. I write therefore a few lines
hurry sent yesterday all the news up to that
time. - Myself went yesterday to embark
at Lawrence for South Australia - Myself
feels as doing well & by the time he returns
expect to be quite ready to embark for good.

I had a long conversation this morning
with the Archdeacon - we spoke a little
upon the proposed school question except
as to the orphan school which remain under
his care - he is evidently annoyed at the
conduct of the Presbyterians and especially with
that of Mr. Luke who certainly appears to be now
going all lengths with his people. I understand
that he preached in the open air at Dorset
on Sunday - Capt. Forster told me to day that
the Presbyterians are going to write Weymouth.

To tell the Archdeacon about the offer
of Secretary of Education to Dr. Johnson - He said he had only
just seen him & therefore could not judge of his qualifications.

Mr. Johnson well. I presume he the writer.
I do not expect that the Archdeacon will
take any notice of it.

You will be glad to learn that Capt. King
has tendered his resignation and still more
so that Jacomb having taken the Breveting
of the late Mr. Gatehouse does not wish
to be taken the Post Office. Sent for him
today and he gave me this reply at the
same time that he expressed his obligation
I thank him for it. The situation
is now therefore quite open for Capt. King
and shall write to tell him so by this
conveyance.

A public Ball is now getting up for
the Queen's Birth Day and from what I hear
because there the day is not celebrated
at Government House. Foster is inclined
to think Gregory at the bottom of this project
and that he has said though he will not be

or the Committee he will superintend all the
arrangements. Capt King is also forward in the
Cause - who from some cause or other has
safety failed. I am displeas'd with him and
has therefore kept aloof - but I have given
him no cause - The persons who take an
interest in the Ball are direct & known
w/llapt Boys - I cannot but think the
setting up of the Ball to have originated in
unlawful, seditious & seditious & in order
to show that for private purposes we can
never justify the honors due to Her Majesty.
I suppose they will ask me and if they do
I shall go - I may however fall to the ground.
Mr. Deane spoke to me about his having been
invited to attend the Committee and ask'd
me whether had any such he should do so.
I told him to do as he thought proper and
that I would rather not to refer to upon
the matter. I have said to go I will
before long that it should be done
on another day - than the Queen's birth day.
You are aware that my God's notice has promised
these people w/llapt or some future day.

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Confidentially

The Sydney Gov. have written to Mr. La. & Co. & offer
to request I would direct the purchase
of 2000 Baskets of Wheat for seed - that
they may be ready to supply the poor little
in case of need - We have ordered the
immediate contract for it - and the quantity
will be shipped by the first vessel -

Sydney papers arrived today - as far as
the 22nd April - but they contain not a
word as to yourself & party - I shall
not anxiously for the arrival of the
"Marian Watson" which is daily expected
with the full hope of hearing from you
of you -

Love to Sophy - kind regards to Eliza & party -

All is quiet here - I have no more to say
to be very frequently closeted with Grey -

I never see or hear of the former -
The Rev. Mr. Old Capt. Foster - that Lord St. George
& Mr. J. Stephen read Mr. Burnett's papers separately
& made their own notes - the safe Grey & all of them
incurred in the opinion that nothing could be done for her
Eleanor is now back & the news is that she is
well & happy & generally
the truth