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Sir John Lubbock

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My dearest Love

I find that a ship sails this evening for Sydney which it was expected would not go before tomorrow. I write therefore in haste to say we are well and unusually quiet - and as you will see by the newspapers of last evening - Mr Gregory's affair has been only barely alluded to in them. There is a great wrath at the omission of his name in the Ex. Council. He has urged in every way my conveying some public testimony of his services through the Gazette which I have firmly resisted - as it would be an expression of my own <sup>opinion</sup> on a point bearing the High Manual. I do not know both say I am eight and so does Mr. Proyer the New Sheriff - who at once told me that no other course - that any contrary proceeding would embarrass Lord Glenlyon & the Colonial Department - and likewise promote Mr. Gregory's ultimate interests - I have seen Mr. Gregory's own testimony by letter verbally and I have also informed him that I should place on record

a minute to the same effect as the Minutes  
of the Council. It is therefore awarded I will  
alone which he wants to gratify and does not  
whether he draws down upon me or anybody  
or any one else censure or reproach. I have not  
heard anything of him to day & therefore  
I suppose he is more cool now & sees his own  
interests in a different light. I believe the  
whole design of his heart is that the same  
complaint should turn out ~~the~~ <sup>Mr</sup> Foster who  
if he were now the ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> must have gone  
but he does not perceive that if I were  
~~absent~~ to excuse that person I should  
have to assure that Her Majesty had  
omitted their names on account of some  
bad conduct or intentionally as therefore  
I should condemn them wholly by such a  
step. ~~which~~ <sup>idea</sup> he is taking every step to controvert  
by showing the testimonials apart ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~law~~  
which he has subsequently received <sup>the date of the Royal warrant</sup> ~~from~~  
the Secretary of State. ~~Mr~~ <sup>the</sup> Precher is copying  
the letters which have passed between us but  
I cannot send them now as I must retain the  
copy to send home in case he should forward  
his complaint should slenderly through me which

he has threatened to do by the Cheviot <sup>style</sup> that is announced  
to sail tomorrow and it must be prepared for  
such a step by having the copies to accompany my  
own statement. I find that Edw. Bedford is his  
principal adviser - another proof of his  
working whenever referred to, against Foster  
and every one supposed to have been reached with  
W. Foster. Gregory himself told me he had shown  
his letters & advised with him - if he followed  
his advice it was such as could not embarrass  
me. Mr. Gray is a very gentlemanly man  
and I am very happy to find he is disposed to  
consult with us. I have asked them to  
accompany me on board the Pelorus & Port Arthur  
on Friday next with the Chief Justice & Foster.  
Mr. Gray cannot at present be admitted into  
his office - the Act of Council having only provided  
that the Sheriff can only be appointed after one  
has been sworn in - after the death of the Sheriff  
or departure from the Colony. Mr. Beaumont  
will not report & therefore there is no alternative  
as Mr. Gray sees. I proposed to him to take  
~~the~~ other appointment now held by Mr. Lovell  
before which Mr. Beaumont is to fall back  
but he thinks the removal of Mr. Lovell would  
cause excitement & renewed attacks on his  
family and upon myself and therefore has decided  
to prefer to travel about the Colony and make

himself acquainted with its different points,  
let the 1<sup>st</sup> part when he must be appointed Sheriff.  
I entirely concur with him and also in the  
opinion that he will receive pay from channel  
or other at the disposal of the Home Gov<sup>t</sup> -  
He has expressed himself satis<sup>fy</sup>d that those  
done every thing in my power to assist him  
and means to write to James Stephen when  
full particulars of his position - he should  
have arrived here before the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.

I am writing to Lord Merton, and I shall refer  
him to the opinions I have sent home by  
the transportation report - and shall also  
mention the fact of this Colony being to  
supply the other Colonies in this season of  
scarcity - as a proof of the necessity of keeping  
it as the granary for the <sup>other</sup> Colonies - which  
it <sup>will</sup> become of value by transportation - he  
continued - I have written to Capt Elliot to say  
as you recommended in your letter from the  
Ovens received via Melbourne - and I shall endeavor  
to write as many other letters as I can -

Farley has been up in the Country for a week  
and does not return before the day he sets off  
therefore not be able to send him as I thought you  
back - he is looking well & I shall be glad to see  
and may be glad of a reason to come down again. Mr. Gunn  
directed me with respect to - Elizabeth & my little ones  
and will but have not time to write. Ever most affectionately  
Wm. Hall