

My dearest Love -

Sat. Morn 20 March 1841

The Captain of the James - having been here  
 today that he sails today and that he will be happy to take  
 charge of any letters for you - I commence writing off  
 my last letter by Mr. Galt with the permission of the Admiral  
 resumes communication concerning that kind account  
 since your departure. Mr. Galt's letter arrived on  
 Saturday last in the "Lady Raffles" both quite well & the  
 poor American her family - Foster was confined when  
 he was and had been the preceding week in a severe attack  
 of rheumatic joint - which even had not yielded to  
 medical treatment. I have not seen her during the last  
 fortnight - the lady Raffles which has brought with  
 it some of the was followed by the British Sovereign from  
 Dublin bringing Mr. Men - and by the way some with  
 the female prisoners also from Dublin - and these is  
 down and his report tonight which she is pleased to  
 see down with the male prisoners from England - There  
 have passed in immediately each other that we  
 are for the present puzzled as to the means of  
 crossing the men - The ship from Ireland have  
 brought papers to the 14<sup>th</sup> December - The most interesting  
 of these contents is the information of the birth of the  
 Prince Royal and that her Majesty & the baby are quite  
 well - There is to be no regret or promotion on the occasion  
 the baby not proving to be a Prince of Wales. The next news of  
 Lady Brougham

importance is the account of the capture of the Fox by the  
crew by the British & Allied Fleet - one of the most brilliant  
deeds of modern times - and which led Mehmet Ali to  
accept the terms of the Allied Powers - but confine himself  
to the Pacific of Egypt - his troops are being drawn from  
Suez and the Ottoman Fleet is being raised. Peace was  
therefore preserved - though the <sup>administration</sup> of things seem  
in opposition to the King of the French had been done  
all this has been to the people of France by their friends  
of the Chambers to cry for war - The King Ministers  
at the head of which is General Labrousse - have only met  
the declarations of their opponents & would have  
secured peace we had not the complete success  
of the Allies at the coast of Syria combined with the  
acceptance of the Terms by Mehmet Ali & their way  
from dependencies all just grounds for going to war  
Lord Palmerston it is admitted even by the Times  
has completely beaten them - and acted in a manner  
highly entitling him to the commendation of his  
Countrymen - The Ministry therefore appear the stronger  
than ever and the country is much quieter than by the  
~~pre~~ preceding accounts - Chartism & its evil workers have  
been checked - B. Russell & repeal do not make any  
head with respectable people in Ireland.

The best news of importance began in your present  
situation is that New Zealand has been declared  
~~independent~~ a government independent of <sup>Australia</sup> ~~the~~ ~~United Kingdom~~  
and Captain Hobson has been gazetted as the Governor  
and Captain Gairdner as George Gifford therefore has been  
released from that charge - The feeling seems to be strong  
with a large party at home in favour of Pratt's policy.

being likewise declared an independent Government. - you will  
be sorry to hear that Col. Gawler is to be recalled from South Australia  
Capt. Key has been appointed to succeed him. Col. Gawler was  
not aware of the change on 17 Feb. for in a letter of that date  
which I received from him this day - he says "The financial  
movements at home in reference to this Colony have  
filled my hands with a profusion of business, - I cannot say  
of anxiety for I have good grounds for confidence that  
all is working well". Mr. Gawler had received your letter  
but could not reply otherwise than by thanks but as he  
had only turned her Baby the day before Col. Gawler writes  
that he will see Mr. Gawler will see it of course some  
time. I perceive that my answer to the Deputation on  
the question of Lachlan is noticed in one of the latest of  
the Colonial Gazette and a great part of it printed -  
and I am sure that it will be considered a very dignified  
& proper answer by the Ministers & People in England -  
The Editor of the Gazette makes no comments on it -  
In a subsequent Gazette appears the notice of the  
baker in the Deputation Council of the Brethren of Captain  
Macconochie at Macquarie I had on the evening of the  
Day last - Montagu had heard of it before he sailed  
and he had told me before I read the notice in the  
Colonial Gazette - that Lord John Russell & James Stephen  
had read the papers before he sailed and that he knew  
that they were both shocked and disgusted with the proceedings -  
Macconochie had seen & read John Russell's own  
several strong remarks - and particularly the words  
"Jack Shepherd" alluding to a flashing character & to  
Charlatans - Montagu says that they are heartily tired of them

at the Board Office - and that Lord John Russell has declared  
that he never was so taken in as by his first representations -  
Montagu further says that he ~~has~~ received the positive assurance  
that Macarochie is not to return to the Colony at the time he  
was asked to state his opinions on Transportation & the employment  
of the Convicts in the Colony - He also understood that if positive  
instructions will be sent out for Sir George Gipps to remove him  
aboard if he tries any more of his schemes at Norfolk Island -  
Now let me give you what  
Montagu has for then & I am respecting the proceedings at the  
Colonial Office with reference to the Colony - and first I trust  
you will not think me too vain when I mention that he could  
oppose me of the approval of any measure at the Colonial Office  
~~which~~ had been repeatedly told him - he also had received  
the assurances of personal regard for me from several  
of the very leading men in the office - The Sheriff has also told me  
that to his knowledge James Stephen had a kindly feeling  
towards me - and I have by this late step received <sup>a letter</sup> from  
my father <sup>expressing</sup> his very good feeling for myself and interest  
in the measures of my Gov. His letter was written from Bath  
a day or two before Montagu left Portsmouth and as soon as  
he received my letter respecting the College - to which he  
promised his other two weeks return to town.

I told Montagu that I was disappointed at his not working  
more fully to me on different subjects - and he appeared as a reason  
that as I had not entered fully into several of the points in  
my correspondence with him - but had in most instances  
expressed to the more full details which I have formerly had  
given of them - he thought that he should had met my  
wishes by answering these details to Foster whom he knew  
would tell me - and he also thought that I had proposed  
the cause of communication from the House of Commons  
I passed a very long time in conversation about most  
of the subjects - he had heard from myself that I had been  
unwell