

Joricho - 42 miles from
Hobart Town.

Friday May 16. May '22

Dear Betty

I send this by Mr Thompson
the Landlord of the Inn where I slept
last night - to let you know I am well
and intend proceeding forward after
Breakfast - at Baydad 18 miles
from Hobart Town - I was overtaken by
Mr McRae Mr Bell Mr Newton & Servo
in whose Company I now am - which
makes travelling more agreeable - I
have seen nothing of Mr Horn's party:
suppose they are a days journey behind.

The country we have passed through
is extremely beautiful & the road
very good so far - there are however
two long hills to travel over - All
the other Gentlemen have suffered
awfully from blistered feet - Mine
thinks to your good soft stockings
and as well as ours - which makes
me the sturdiest traveller of the
party -

I feel great anxiety for
the safety of our sheep - and you
must see that - Robert & Edward never

low them out of their eye and I
wish much that you enquire of
the owner, what sort of a person it
is who sheeps beside them - They are
a valuable property and if we should
low them, it would strike at our
very comfort here - ~~for you~~ I think
Foster should make a stand place
to look them up in without delay
by any and every means of security as
nothing else is of equal importance
at present -

Tell William to see at
the Bill of lading for the Box of silks
and if it says nothing about demurrage
let it remain on board till I return

Let him also ask, if a
permit is required for the punchion
of Rum which goes into Bond -

If Foster could make a
place tight & dry for the sheep, and
with the help of good straw and
blankets could make a comfortable bed
it would be very desirable to let
the two ^{sheeps} Boys ^{sheep} sleep with them, and
I hope something will be done for
security - at all events till I come back.

My best regards to Mr & Mrs Wells
I hope to be back about the middle

of next week.

But by all means send in the plate
to Mr Wells by the waggon but will
must go along with it and not trust
it out of his sight till delivered over

Adieu adieu Betty

Your affectionate husband
John Lusk

Mr
and
Dr

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