

My dear Husband

Not having had letters
 the two last post days I hope you
 are ~~fit~~ not ill the heat with us
 makes the grasshoppers quite a burthen
 the servants are daily asking are
 we to have servants to day I am
 afraid we shall get into a trouble
 some state of things in the country
 every body says they ^{are} going to the gold
 - I think it will not be what quality
 of servants but whether we can get
 any - have you seen about them
 have you paid Mr Giffonds Bill
 did you ask Watchorn about the
 chimney - You must be heartily
 tired but Mr Talbot returned he
 thought he would not be back
 in time - Have you asked on

applied for Arthur's men money
also do not forget his paper

Tuesday last I received a note
from Mrs Hector saying she would
pay us a visit on Wednesday for coach
en route to Hobart - we met her
as appointed & I drove Mrs Hector
in the gig to Rosedale & Sarah &
Charles drove Mr Hector in the old
carriage to a picnic on Mr Davidson's
marsh which made it pleasant for the
young lady they are with us at present
but leave on Monday for Mr Hooper
& I believe she writes to Hobart to young
Ormond Giffles to procure them lodgings
they are agreeable & Mrs Hector having
been home about three years ago
to Germany, can tell me a great deal
about Mrs Birch & Mrs Bile she speaks
of Mrs Bile having one or two ^{very} handsome
daughters

I cannot tell you any news
we are very much heated up
& the ~~heat~~ hot weather makes us all
very languid. I, a friend of Mrs Theobald
at Port Phillip told her Robert Town
was Paradise she has unfortunately had
a great deal of trouble with her luggage
when she sailed from Adelaide her
boxes had not arrived at the bay when
she ^{was} ~~was~~ appointed on the point of sailing;
Mr H forwarded them in the next ship
they waited 2 weeks at Port Phillip, came
over to Luncheon waited ~~waited~~
week more & have heard the boxes
have been returned to Adelaide as
only alternative is to supply a smaller
wardrobe here she regrets her pretty
bonnets she had from Germany in the spring

I have just received your letter
& I hope you will succeed in
getting servants Yours truly
E Leake the schooner is
coming on Tuesday

Mr
carriage

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