

2.17.16  
My dear Husband, <sup>2</sup> February 1852

After leaving you we proceeded very comfortably on our journey, but I felt very anxious for your getting back again as well. We stopped about two hours at Outlands. when we got about four miles from Ross we met Mr Lord & Mr Allison in Mr L's break & 4 horses, they were going to John Lord, but said they would call next morning at Mr Bideci for you. we went on to Mr Norton's, who kindly received us for the night, she had her house full, with her sister in law, & four children; her husband & two children being at Ross getting a cottage ready for their habitation they have just come over from Port Philip, having been about twelve months from England they wish to settle in this country.



but Capt<sup>n</sup> Norton say he feels the  
events of the day, are so uncertain  
he does not know what to advise  
them to day - Mr Hudson visited  
the diggings & speculated a little  
in the purchase of gold - We  
found all at home very rejoiced  
to see us back the servants had  
behaved remarkably well & been  
very anxious to put the house in  
order the dining room is completed  
having got the dining room floor  
painted ~~baseboard~~ & 3 coats upon  
it - On opening my parcels I found  
Watch horn had only sent me one  
parcel, which I bought the first day,  
& when I went to change the shawl  
I bought some rock & stockings which  
were not given me in the carriage,  
I only got ten cherrises & six silk  
handkerchiefs in the first parcel  
what remains is the shawl & the



socks I forget whether there was  
any thing else, I ~~forgot~~ if there was  
~~anything~~ but I would like to have the  
parcel by the coach <sup>immediately</sup> with a bill of  
parcels, that any mistake may be  
corrected; he will tell them about  
the ten chemises as I ordered 12,  
& the parcel was not opened until  
I took it in <sup>my</sup> own room at home

Make my very kind remembrance  
to Sir Wm & Lady Denison & say how  
much I feel obliged to them for their  
kindness & particularly remember me  
to the young people & say I shall  
not easily forget their cheerful break  
fast hour & shall often think of those  
who are baiting the bear - I suppose  
you have told them of our adventure  
at the bridge - You must beg  
my kind remembrances to those  
persons whom I could not take leave,  
do not forget to apologize to Mr  
Worthington for not calling upon



him - Home is very peaceful  
but the beautiful Derwent  
is wanted I suppose you will  
soon get horribly tired I think  
the travelling in the coach is  
too fatiguing except you can  
come for good surely the fatigue  
of all will be tired very soon  
Capt<sup>n</sup> Norton was saying they could  
not get the water put properly  
put on ~~for~~ at Mona Vale for  
want of Mr R Thomodes authority  
the old gentlemen being reluctant  
to do it he will write soon  
& believe me your very  
affectionate Wife  
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Thursday

I bought some things at old  
Mr Mathers shop which I did not  
take for