Helvaston
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My dear father,

We are very pleased to have your letter on fourth day last. It is at first line for us to read, we had heard of the safe arrival in Sydney some time before through Willie Newton, but no particulars left come the state of the arrival. We had kept some letters coming & expect some stated by the Lady of Hobart & then perhaps came the Melbourne. As the City was not expected to leave till the 20th (a fortnight after the date of your letter) we rather hope to expect to receive more letters by her. In meantime bought other perhaps heard something definite about my return but he will not be impatient knowing at least during all will be ordered for the best. Joseph is writing & I expect will tell all the news. I could not do justice to that. If you transcribe it (Edward often refers me for writing now & at the end of the lines but I can't help it)
I know there has been a great deal of helping it seems to have been about 2 or 3 weeks two teams of one ploughing one and two men of the other. I have 8 and 10 teams in one brother in the east and 10 and 12 in the west with Luigi and Davina. Chester Joel but some of the time they worked when the ground was very wet after two inches of rain but yellow one just water rain with 10 on the shaft but deal lacking Joseph on the top top breaching pieces in for the gig the old breaching and there were as well as possible of them up on the horse next one morning being very good but perhaps the thought the more of in the afternoon he drove to Chester in the gig a fourteen time last fortnight I wanted to go on horseback but Joseph said I might as well go on the gig he thought William would go well of to the work to instance when Joseph called at Laytons came running put a pump on the gig breaking some crucifixion about the cold and starting her she began to kick then the beam broke he jumped onto the other beam broke he nearly fell behind the was breaking then sticking firmly, if you pretty fast to look large some farm to get help. I had been to get help but during the turning of the teams I was called and I think it had been our man and our man had called and was thinking as it was to go and did how I was going to the work. I was able to do this work and I was able to do this work.