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Dear Andrew,

On arriving home
this evening I recd. your
welcome letter of 4th inst & lose
no time in answering same.

I am much relieved
to find that Witter's malady
is not so bad as I feared
& I am hopeful that in a
few months, at the latest, we
shall have ~~see~~ him "clothed
in his right mind" & restored
to health. When I was first
abruptly inf'd by Fred Edwards
(who is a ^{selfish} never-do-well &
is avoided by me) of the

dreadful misfortune of my
dear old friend I was
thrown into a state of
nervous anxiety which, in
my then weak state, had
a very pernicious effect on my
shattered nerves & health; - of
which more hereafter.

You may rely not only on
my doing every thing in my
power to assist in the carrying
out of your plan (of which I
heartily approve) but also ^{on my} ~~the~~
making his (Mitau's) future prospects
brighter than they have been
for some time past.

Poor, dear, old fellow!
His burdens have been even
heavier than I fancied & I
can picture to myself the

dreadful state of ^{his} affairs
which caused his collapse.
Thank Heaven, it is no more.
His prompt removal to fresh
scenes & a new life will,
I am assured, work the
desired change.

I will now touch on my
own affairs, mainly to lead
up to what I propose to do.

My mother & sisters arrived
here on the 1st inst (the very
day on which, ill & weak as
I was, I had to re-commence
business). They were very ill,
suffering not only from the effects
of the ^{rough} sea voyage but also from
the innumerable discomforts
they endured in Sydney prior
& subsequent to my departure

from that hateful place - I had to
get them lodgings in Melbourne,
get the furniture transported
to this house & unpacked under
the greatest difficulty. Luckily,
my friend, Sheriff Wolfe put,
called round me & assisted me
financially & other wise, or else
I could not have got over my
difficulties - After much pain of
body & anxiety of mind I got
through the task & at the time
of writing we are moderately
comfortable. My health has
steadily improved since their
arrival & this week I have
been able to attend to business
as usual, & though I am still
very weak & nervous I am, I
think, out of present danger. My
dear Mother is, I am sorry to say,
^{however} still very unwell.

He said this house much too small for our requirements & as soon as we are restored to our normal health we shall take a larger one. I shall then be able to give Nathan a room. He can live with us for a month or two; become accustomed to the place & his new surroundings & under my careful guidance he will gradually be put into a position to strike out for himself. I am so much liked & respected in Melbourne that I shall have no difficulty in getting him, in time, a suitable situation where his earnings will be his own & he can turn his literary abilities to profitable account.

I think myself very lucky
in getting back to Melbourne
& to be so ^{soon} put into pleasant
quarters. I have the management
of Mr Ck Watson's Melbourne
business & receive a salary
of £300 p. a. & such share
in the profits as will bring my
income up to about £500 p. a.

I have been offered, ^{since my return} no
less than 4 situations as
Managing Clerks to the best
forms here (including an offer
to my old post to which,
however, I, for obvious reasons
refused to return.) I mention
this fact, not for self glorification,
but to shew you that it is
really in my power to do
what I ~~perform~~ propose.

In a future letter I will
give you particulars of my
new duties &c & will write
you at brief intervals as to
how I am progressing. I am
at present in extremis financially
owing to the great expense
I have been put to by sickness
& removals &c, but I shall
quickly rally if my health
keeps up.

You will readily see
that under these circumstances it is
quite out of my power to avail
myself of your kind invitation
to visit Tasmania but I hope
to do so next Xmas.

My sister sends her kindest
regards to you & Mrs Clark, in

Of course you will tell Mamma what I propose to do. I may
cheer him up a little, poor fellow.

which of course I join. She was
deeply affected by the news of
Wilton's malady & quite agrees in
all I have written.

please send my kindest
regards to Jey, Brown Edwards
&c. I am much changed
in thought & spirits but it is
a change for the better.

Good night & fa the
adieu, good bye & believe me
as of old

Affectionately thine

Wm Lloyd Garrison

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Boston

P.S. If you can send any
promises of business to Mr
Watson I shall be much pleased
as he has behaved ^{most} ~~handsome~~ handsomely
& kindly to me in my need

Received on 30 inst a long, affectionate & delightfully written letter
from Mr Garrison dated 26 Decr last