

George Hotel, H. Kilda.  
22 April 1879

Dear Andrew

I am writing you a few hurried lines by this mail because I am a little in doubt as to the commission you entrusted me with. On Enquiry at G. Robertsons I found the affairs just as ~~stupid~~ stupid & dull as of old. At first they stated they had not got the book referred to but upon searching found they had the first vol. of Pleidres (!) I wished to induce me to believe that, though it was published in 1877, the second vol. was not printed

I declined to be satisfied  
with this assurance & also  
declined to buy the only  
volume they had until I  
heard from you, as I thought  
one might not be of any use.  
Kindly let me know what I  
am to do, I cannot find  
the book in any other place  
in Town.

I have been extremely  
busy all this year. In  
fact, I have been & am  
altogether overworked, and in  
addition, other matters are  
going any thing but smoothly  
with me. I have been  
very unfortunate in pecuniary  
& private & domestic matters all

This year and write in a  
very depressed frame of mind,  
I <sup>happily</sup> made the discovery that I  
have lost my certificate of  
admission in Tasmania and have  
written to Mr. Mackland for a  
duplicate original. Kindly  
ascertain and let me know if  
it is possible to obtain same.

About the close of last year  
I ~~was~~ was appointed a  
guardian of the infant  
children of the late Mr  
James (of Hobart Town) the  
matter is giving me much  
trouble & I wrote a long letter  
to R. J. Lucas for some information  
about the matter about 2  
months ago. Please Mr. Lucas  
if I get him to send me a  
reply - Be sure to answer this part  
of my letter

I don't quite understand your  
allusion to Dodd's. I definitely  
declined his offer and in fact  
am drawn more strongly than  
ever to settling in N.S.W. ~~the West~~  
This is why I want my  
Certificate -

Really, dear Andrew, I must  
approach you for not sending me  
an occasional newspaper, since  
I have to glean from the Argus  
or other sources news of your  
doings. Wilton is quite good  
compared to you in this respect. Dad  
treats a filial but restless  
child in this way -

I am in the receipt of  
a kind, very interesting letter  
from Joey but I am quite  
unable to write to him or  
Wilton for a few days. We  
are balancing this month & my  
books are all in arrears

Please remember me affectionately  
to Milton Jey Sulman<sup>Daddy</sup>,  
Thurn & give my kindest  
regards to Mrs Clark & assure  
her that I shall never  
forget her kind & hospitable  
to me during my recent  
visit -

I suppose you noticed that  
Morrell received a sentence  
of 12 months for Embracery -  
This reminds me that you  
have never answered the  
question I asked you re  
imprisonment for debt - Look  
up my letter & let me  
know how the matter stands  
as I have a similar  
matter to deal with.

In addition to the  
Commissions I have already  
imposed upon you I want  
you to call on Mr J  
Hall <sup>with kind regards</sup> & remind him that  
his promise to me re  
Nicholas v. Turner is still  
unperformed. Don't forget.

I have exhausted my  
budget & have only a  
few words to add on  
things in general. From  
what I have already  
mentioned you can gather  
that I am disgusted with  
myself & my affairs. The  
lodging difficulty is becoming  
gigantic & causes me many

a high, - sometimes an evening  
one - My reason for wishing  
to quit the colony is that  
I find I don't get on  
fast enough & because I am  
entangled ~~by~~ in an affair I  
mentioned to <sup>me night</sup> you <sup>Friday</sup> at ~~your~~ <sup>your</sup>  
Hotel in Melbourne,

I shall advertise in the  
Sydney papers soon after I  
hear from you. Oh, how  
lick I am of the whole  
affair,

A stop must be put  
to this or you will be  
affected with a prolonged  
"moan," so let me conclude  
by hoping to hear from

you soon & with renewed  
wishes for your happiness  
& prosperity believe me now  
& for ever

Your affectionate friend

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