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Clepton Cottage  
Alice St.  
New Inn

Dorsey May 21<sup>st</sup> 84

Dear Paddy

Your constant offer of  
"The News" better to hand yesterday. It  
shows the same consideration for my  
welfare and the same flattering  
belief in my ability as I have already  
had so much evidence of from you.

I do sincerely thank you for it and  
hope I may in some future day have  
opportunities of proving my gratitude  
and care.

In the particular matter in question I  
do not know how to act. It is as  
yet uncertain when I shall see her  
and I have made up my mind to  
stay two weeks in Melbourne on my way

home. I know very little about the  
paper and its views and have a  
genuine antipathy to adopting an anti-  
Mercury anti-fellin tone which so  
often characterises the policy of the  
second paper in 1868 as to its  
certain injury as far as my experience  
goes. I say this without knowing that  
"The News" has taken up that line for  
I have scarcely seen a copy, but  
it is so invariably the tendency that  
I could almost predict it. Moreover  
I should not like to in any apparent  
way take Eytens' bullets from him for  
I have eaten his salt - or rather he  
has eaten mine and if he could possibly  
patch up I should like to see him  
continue. Beyond this dear padre

I am altogether in an unsettled state  
of mind lately and cannot form any

Clear outlook as to the future, so I cannot  
say anything as to this matter though  
if anything can be done after I have had  
a holiday and a good talk all round  
with my friends in Holland I should  
feel very much disposed to go into  
the matter and if the mines turn out  
as well as they seem to be promising  
I would even sell out and put whatever  
I might realise into the concern  
as well as my energy and industry.

It is not only this offer that I have  
refused on account of my present unsettled  
state, both of mind and fortune, for I  
cannot rid my mind of the belief that  
but or three thousand pounds may be  
realised within twelve months for my  
Murray shares - but I have refused  
two other less tempting offers from <sup>Germany</sup>

and one very kind and more tempting  
offer from the Daily Telegraph here.

The staff of this paper speak in the  
highest terms of the "happy family"  
Board of management they so successfully  
carry out and the paper is on a  
rising tide of fortune.

Kind love to all - Mrs Clark, the children,  
and the boys

Believe me

Yours truly

Jos. Hammond