

Hobart Town 6mo 9 1847

Dear friend

I received thy note, in due course, and have requested
I B Mather to ship the skins - The enclosed letter from A W Phillips
I herewith forward, thinking that although the information is any
thing but satisfactory, it might nevertheless prove interesting - It betrays
an inclination to look outward rather than to the only true source of
a C strength.

William Galway's daughter Margaret, has married the
Captain (Saunders) of the Mary Brock, and is now resident
in Hobart Town, I called to see her, and she desired to be re-
membered to thee. Benj^r Smart, as I am informed, is paying his

addresses to another daughter, one whom we did not see.

Henry Watson has opened a Druggist's shop in Adelaide

Thomas Furner is deceased as thou wilt perceive, but

no particulars relating thereto are stated: I forwarded a note
to L^r Reeves informing him thereof: I am sorry to say that he
has not acted with even common honesty in the affair,
and that every effort to induce him to pay the claim, which
he acknowledged to be just, has hitherto been unavailing.

I suppose thy letters have been returned - we are sorry
to hear of thy illness, but hope ere this thou art recovered -

It is a cause for thankfulness, that it did not occur during thy
absence - Jane has been favoured with good health, and with the
exception of slight colds, all have been well - With love to all at
Melbourn, thyself included in which my wife joins, hoping that
at some future ^{time} (when it shall please the Almighty to turn their
hearts to him) we may receive more cheering accounts, I am

thy friend
Thomas Mason.

Adelaide
first visit

Dr Henry
Webster.