
**PRG 101/2/51-100 Letters of Arthur Hardy and family correspondence
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Letter from Robert Barr Smith to Arthur Hardy. 11th June 1873. Small folio. [letter three]

Knockdow
Toward Point
Argyllshire
June 11. 1873

Dear Hardy

I only got your kind letter of 20. April y'day and I have to reply to the whole Australian correspondence posting here at noon today so this must be short.

I am extremely pleased with all you tell me. Your very good Spec' as a wharf agency[?], your boys zeal in the work he has chosen – and Watts' quarrel with Tomkinson¹ – all matters for thankful acknowledgement and Gratulation

If it be true that Judas and Pontius Pilate have really fallen out then we may expect that the end draweth nigh

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So far as I am personally concerned I think you would find Elder² prepared to act without reference to me, But in case of need if you thought it expedient to send me a telegram, and would take that trouble, I of course would be very pleased to bear the cost.

S.Kapunda

I have no doubt you and Elder will push this on better and faster than our poor friend Hart.³ Peace be with him I had grown to like him well and I fear the business will droop now he is gone. Joanna & I called for his sisters and were able to give them some pleasure by going. Miss Cissy Hart writes my wife a nice letter by last mail

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This is a place with a moor I am supposed to be a Shooting man and skillful with dogs and Guns. I have been so accustomed all my life to pretend a knowledge which I do not possess, that my keeper has not the slightest notion I know nothing about either. I am however pretty sure to meet with a decided exposure on the 12th of August and I have been preparing my man for it by telling him my sight is failing me. I wish I could send you a brace of grouse – that is to say if I hit any. Pray God I may not bag my own dogs or the man.

¹ Alfred Watts, Accountant, business man, Member of Parliament and Director of the Bank of Australasia had bought Mount Lofty House from Arthur Hardy in 1867. Samuel Tomkinson, Manager of the Bank of Australasia, Member of Parliament, had built Mangona (now St Barberie) down the hill and not far from Mount Lofty House.

² Sir Thomas Elder (1818-97) was Robert Barr Smith's partner in the firm Elder Smith & Co.

³ John Hart (1809-1873), Sea Captain and later businessman, Member of Parliament and three times Premier of South Australia.

I am going to Knock Castle 20 miles from here by water tomorrow to see Geo Elder's

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new Yacht launched. I take my boy Tom⁴ with me who has developed nautical tastes and says he wants to go to sea. We have had much of George & Jane since we came home in fact we have been constantly together and it has been a great pleasure . Both are looking marvellously well.

I did not send you so many papers as I intended as the agent failed me the stupid fellow I will try & repair it next time

Our united best love to Mrs Hardy & the young ladies and with every good wish to you all I am

Yours vy truly

R. Barr Smith

⁴ Tom Elder Barr Smith (1863-1941).

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Letter from Robert Barr Smith to Arthur Hardy. 6th August 1873. 2 small folios

[letter *four*]

Knockdow
August 6 . 1873
Dear Hardy

I had yesterday the pleasure of your kind letter of 17th June written when you were on the wing for[?] Connatto, [? and I have also to thank you for your letter of 20th May which came too late for reply by last mail. Many thanks for the interesting information contained in both these welcome epistles.

I am indeed much disappointed that we have been able so little to use the instructions you so kindly gave us – on the Continent we were always hurrying on to meet our children – whilst waiting so long for them in London we seemed

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to be able to do little except wait and when we found how troublesome a large family of small children is at a Hotel, we fled to the country with undue haste
It seems fixed however that we shall go out next year – that being almost certain we have changed again our plan and now propose London instead of Edinburgh – In November therefore I hope to make some use of your letters
Alas the one which I most valued is no longer wholly useful – but we shall follow your advice and post to Miss Helen Taylor⁵ and through some of your other friends, or somehow get to know her and have an opportunity of talking

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about you all.
We were much pleased to know that Herbert likes his work Tom Elder⁶ has written me to say how much he is improved
I am glad Stokes has bought a piece of land on the Mount. I hope he means to build. He will be a great acquisition to your society – I always liked him – better than her.
I did go to the Caves of Elephanta and I climbed the ghaunts⁷ to 80 miles from Bombay.
Many thanks for the hint about the Reform Club. No one tells us why Hughes had his nose pulled by Kingston It was not because he liked it was it ? I think the purchase of Poltallock not a bad one for the Bowmans . They want land well situated and in a

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⁵ Arthur Hardy's niece, daughter of Harriet Taylor Mill.

⁶ Thomas Elder (1818-1897) Robert's partner.

⁷ The Bhore Ghaut is about 80 kilometres south of Mumbai.

sufficient block to make it worth their while managing it Where can they get this else and again
How can men like them invest money pleasantly to such an amount at only 5 or 6 p^{ct}. It must
be looked upon as an investment, after all tis less than 60/- for fine land in a beautiful locality
You see of course that in these few last sentences I am skimming your notes to me
Anything more of Watts' quarrel with Tomkinson. It is really time that Watts was turning out as I
shall want to add to the house and put the garden in order. I am willing to be patient and
reasonable with him – but of course there is a limit to that kind of thing.

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I may tell you that I tried to buy Torrens Park from Hughes⁸ but he wont sell He offers a lease
but I decline. We go to them to Kil Kerran on the 15th – and he has kindly promised to keep his
moor unshot until I go I will therefore take this moor on the 12th & 13th and Kil Kerran on the 16th
You see I am trying to be a sportsman but I feel I am going to make a fool of myself on the 12th
I am too old to begin that kind of nonsense
I shall convey your kind messages to George & Jane Elder⁹ George has been over repeatedly
lately having procured a new racing yacht. I have

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been with him some four or five times or oftener perhaps and on one occasion I was permitted to
steer.

I could get to like yachting and felt no inclination to forego my cigar [?].

You see it is all an animal life I am leading shooting yachting driving – the little intellect I had
dying out of me – However in a fit of despair I seized our great friend Mill¹⁰ and once more
tackled his “Political Economy” as a means of preventing my mind dwindling to nothing. I do too
a little Magazine reading – and so on but I don't think I am more a student than I was when I was
busy – Now

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this is truly deplorable

You can tell M^{rs} Hardy that my wife says I am “not nearly so nice since I came to Scotland”
We have had M^r Forster¹¹ with us for a week – Old Cameron¹² too who has returned from the
interior of Africa looking blooming at [...] – W R Swan my partner in Fowler's bay
These are all the So. austns. we have seen here.

Mrs. [...] and her family have come to be within 6 miles of us which is well for Joanna. The
Hawkers have offered a visit end of this or beginning of next month and the Rev Canon Dove¹³
of Walkerville comes to me on the 18th. Blackcock

⁸ Sir Walter Watson Hughes (1803-1887), original owner of the Wallaroo copper mine. He later sold Torrens Park to Robert Barr Smith.

⁹ George Elder (1816- 97) was Thomas Elders older brother.

¹⁰ John Stuart Mill (1806-1873), famous British philosopher and economist, was Hardy's brother in law.

¹¹ Anthony Forster (1813-1897), sheep farmer and Member of Parliament in South Australia/

¹² Hugh Cameron (1796-1884), pastoral pioneer in South Australia and close friend of the Barr Smiths

¹³ George Dove (1833-1914), Canon of Adelaide 1869-1903, later Archdeacon of Adelaide.

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Shooting begins on the 20th but I do not connect the two events.

Now this is a wretched note, "but what can a poor cove do" (as somebody says) who never reads and never sees or hears anything

Give my love to Mrs. Hardy. and tell her I am wearying to be back to her. No one here has taken the place in my heart which she held

And with every kind remembrance to the young people I am Dear Hardy

Affly Yours

R Barr Smith

[written across bottom left hand corner]

Miss Annie Young came to us from Edinburgh and staid from Monday to Saturday

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Letter from Robert Barr Smith to Arthur Hardy. 24th September 1873. 2 small folios and 1 loose sheet.. [letter five]

Knockdow.

Sep 24 . 1873

Dear Hardy.

I have the pleasure to own [?] your kind letter of 15th July with all its matters of interest. As you are accustomed to see me do, I will run my eye over your letter before I plunge into any other matters.

I am very glad to see that M^{rs} Hardy and the young ladies were having a month of North Adelaide & getting to the Opera, for I am quite sure this is always necessary when you live on Mt Lofty; at least we found it so.

I have posted the letter you so kindly gave me to the late M^r Mill to Miss Taylor writing her with it and offering to present myself if agreeable to her to make an acquaintance. The other letters I will use shortly when I get to London in a few days. E Stirlings¹⁴ will has not

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given satisfaction. The elder boys complain that the younger get an equal portion, and affirm that as the young ones are minors their money will accumulate and they will be richer men. I think this a most absurd and illogical position but A L Elder¹⁵ agrees with them & so does George. Many men many minds.

M^{rs} Stirling complains bitterly and I think with cause, the children however have made her right So if old Teddy Stirling maliciously desired to cut her off or impoverish her to pay her out when beyond the reach of her tongue, for some of the uneasiness she caused him looking up from his present abode he will no doubt be disappointed.

When I change my will I think I will not employ a solicitor here but draw the

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Codicil myself and send it to you – if it is wrong – but it won't be wrong – you will tell me what to add; that is my present intention. I think my will may be faulty just now, but I am not quite certain that in all cases the equal division is the thing, and even as I have it now, it does not make such a large difference between boys and girls as you would think – nothing that my wife could not put right if there were practical injustice. You I know go for a theory of exactitude .

I was told Harts will, but I really forget it. I do not know why Miss Hart & the married sisters are in a “sad position”. Hart always affirmed the principle that the Sons should be best, and argued it plausibly; in fact it was he who misled me or convinced me

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¹⁴ Sir Edward Stirling (1804-1873), pastoralist, politician and early partner of Robert Barr Smith and Tom Elder.

¹⁵ Alexander Lang Elder (1815-1885), George and Tom Elder's older brother.

Joanna has had a letter from Miss Hart and no doubt in London we shall run up against them. We made the acquaintance of John Harts sisters, when we were in London.

I am glad to see you will do well by your [...] lease falling in; you understand these things so thoroughly they give you no trouble

I shall get Miss Taylors Life of Buckle¹⁶ and send it to you. I read her papers in the Magazines occasionally, and do not believe that it will justify any very hostile criticism. Perhaps her critic is a white choker and Miss Taylor admires too much. There is a prima facie case against him, as his name is Watts. As far as you tell the story my sympathies are with Tomkinson rather than with

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Sir George Kingston. I do not think that all the things Kingston said of Tomkinson are true – for instance I do not think Tomky is a coward. It may not be friendly to even hint at raising the question as to his truthfulness – but it is easy for a big bully like Kingston, armed with a big stick, to go in and say these things to Tomkinson. Did the occasion justify it? I think not. No doubt Tomkinson is not very considerate of other peoples feelings when he has a mind to be nasty. The Wallaroo Hughes are with us just now and we have much enjoyed their visit This is the first time we have had an opportunity of knowing her and we like her much She is full of fun and good qualities of a higher

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order. Did I tell you I had been to Kil Kerran for a days shooting; my wife going with me. It is a splendid estate \22.000 acres/ if it were only free, but like some of the American West it wants a deal of clearing.

George Elder has been seriously (not dangerously) ill and has been confined to bed for weeks Jane has been nursing him, & woman like with great pity for her husband she we think enjoys getting him all to herself – My wife sometimes invites me to lay myself up for a fortnight and I seem mighty near it just now – I am writing in great pain and am quite a cripple from

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rheumatiz got by shooting wet and sitting rather long over my lunch in wet heather. I really could not injure [?] life if this lasted My wife has had rheumatism for 2 months but then women really can bear pain and we cannot.

The British Association is sitting at Bradford and M^r Anthony Forster is there watching the proceeding . No wonder Forster is an intelligent man, and he ought to be happy but is not. Even from Bradford with all such surroundings he sends up M^{rs} Gummidges cry that he is a lone lost creetur. He is fighting hard against our going back to Australia but we mean it next year. Joanna said to me the

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¹⁶ *Miscellaneous and posthumous works* by Henry Thomas Buckle, edited with a biographical notice by Helen Taylor 3 vols, Longmans, 1872.

the other morning “Do you know what I think of every evening and every morning of my life”?
No. “ Of our return to Australia”. M^{rs} Hardy knows what (we will call it) influence my wife has
over me, so I think you will see us turn up shortly.

We go to London on the 30th Mr. A L Elders family who live six miles off go up with us and we
go first to the Grosvenor seeking a house as fast as we can I hope I shall be able to be more
amusing and instructive from London.

Please continue to write to me to the care of H Schwartze

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3 Moorgate Buildings London

We are now having the only fine days we have s-een here 3 of them and looking
continuance, and here I am unable to take advantage of the Sunshine.

With our united kind love to Mrs. Hardy

Dear Hardy

Yours vry truly

R. Barr Smith

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Letter from Robert Barr Smith to Arthur Hardy. 24th October 1873. 2 small folios and 1 loose sheet.. [*letter six*]

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10 Rue de Bois Sauvage
Bruxelles
Oct^r. 24. 1873

Dear Hardy

The Australian mail has not yet arrived, in fact is not yet due, but I write that I may not in the end be hurried. We returned to London from Knockdown on the 18th of Oct^r.

Before leaving Knockdown I got rheumatism which has never left me and which gives me much pain.

In London we made a very diligent search for a house and were on several occasions just closing. In fact if \the late/ Lord Westburys people had made me the offer which they latterly did, we should now have been in occupation – but Lady Westbury was unwilling to turn out. Mean time my wife

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began to realize more thoroughly what it was to undertake housekeeping in London with ten servants. She said truly that it would be no holiday to her – and nothing having been closed we made up our mind that we should go to one of the more lively German towns and live in lodgings. This resolution greatly incensed our relatives; but before they had time almost to express an opinion we were off. When we reached Brussels (which we did in 10 hours) we called a halt, and began to consider that city, and as Providence ordered it Miss Gliémar [?] (with whom the Smedleys were

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educated) offered us all to board, and the children to be educated by her – We thought we could not do better; and here we are.

Of course we cannot yet say much about it, but I imagine it answers all purposes well. My wife gets rest from domestic cares, and we shall be able to see a good deal \more/ of the continent before we return; for a house in London & the complications of Society, and the intervening channel, would have made it more difficult to move. Already we have been to Frankfurt staying two nights at Wiesbaden, going up the Rhine

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on the right hand and returning by the left. Staying one night at Cologne and another at Coblenz. The pain I suffered from my rheumatism in some degree marred my pleasure but I was able to enjoy the trip in spite of pain and we were favoured with good weather. Since I returned I have almost been laid up however.

Before I left London I wrote a note to Miss Taylor, who very promptly replied. I hobbled along to see her, and was most kindly received – but she had been unwell and looked feeble, and as she was greatly occupied with her father’s Biography, and as she was starting for Avignon and we for Belgium – it was impossible

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to say how the acquaintance was to be continued. She very kindly and urgently asked us to come to her at Avignon, if we were passing through France; and told me to write to her if she could do ought for us – asking also if in London there were any people of her class to whom I sought an introduction. This was all she could do – and I was too unwell, and too much occupied, for these four days left, to avail of her kindness.

I tried to get for you as I promised her “Life of Buckle” – the enclosed shews that I have not succeeded – I do not know how the mistake arises, and assume that her “Life of Buckle” is not a book but an article in a Magazine

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If you have not received the Autobiography of Mills will you ask me to send you my copy. I do not send it at once lest, as is likely, you otherwise possess it. I enclose an extract from it as it is such a wonderful character of your sister.

Prankerd¹⁷ sent me a message about his house. I wrote to ask him terms, and he quotes £8000. This of course is much less than it cost – but what of that when it is not a place one likes. Nevertheless I may be forced to buy it. Hughes offers Torrens Park in perpetuity subject to 12 months notice to quit – I

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do not doubt this would be a freehold but the uncertainty is a grievous objection My wife & I are anxious at last to have a place out of which we need not move – Hawker does not make up his mind to sell Briers and yet has a hankering feeling to do so. To buy a site and build, involves a heavy outlay taken as it must be in connexion with our desire to have a Mount Lofty house – you kindly offer to be of use to me in this. I will trouble you thus far. Will you say to Elder where you think are the best sites. You know we rather prefer the outlook to Mt Barker and consider the house Watts has perfection of position. There are two or three things to be considered \in a subsidiary way/ one of these for me

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being the quality of the soil for a garden – distance from the Mt Barker road another, and the nature of the approach a third I sh^d also have some little room to move in.

If Tomkinson has any sites wh you would approve unsold you could suggest these to Elder and Elder could get me an offer of them no doubt for reply – You describing them to me.

¹⁷ Peter Dowding Prankerd (1819-1902), land agent. ‘The town of Stirling was born at the hands of land speculator Peter Prankerd.’ Adelaide Hills Council

I say we prefer the Mt Barker outlook but this does not bar a site looking on the gulf.
I have made alterations in my will in the direction indicated I went to Wilde but as he was not at home I left your note & went on to Murray & Hutchins. I have left my will in custody of Helmutt Schwartze the Wool Broker Moorgate Buildings

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The letters to Miss Taylor & Wilde are the only two I have delivered, my illness preventing me from seeing White or anybody else. With our united kind love to Mrs Hardy & the young ladies
yours vry truly R. Barr Smith

PS In the hope of saving postage I take out the Publishers note saying there is no Life of Buckle by Miss Taylor "in preparation" but I assume if published he would have known
My wife bids me explain to Mrs Hardy that we are not boarding with Miss Gliémar [?] but have two floors of a house adjoining Miss Gliémar [?] who finds us food & service

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Letter from Robert Barr Smith to Arthur Hardy. 23rd November 1873. 1 small folio and 2 loose sheets [*letter seven*]

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2 Rue Neuve Ste Eudule
Bruxelles
23 . Nov. 1873
My dear Hardy .

I conclude in my own mind that you know from my telegram to Tom Elder that I have bought Briers¹⁸ .

Acting on M^{rs}. Hardy's suggestion we thought of Prankerds, and, as M^{rs} Hawker at first refused my overtures, I actually sent an offer to Prankerd! Singularly enough next morning I got a note from Hawker seeking to reconsider. Prankerd did not accept – and I bought Briers . The difference between Pk^d & me was so small that if I had not had Hawker's letter I sh^d. of course have concluded \with Pk^d/. So that it was by a very slight thread that we were led one way rather than the other.

I consider Prankerds very much the better bargain . I pay Hawker 5500 – but we like Briers and we don't like the other and what is the use of weighing values in such a case .

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I think it will amuse you if I tell you my plans, and I invite your suggestions. Nothing is done yet I have telegraphed to Tom Elder for the ground elevations plans \of present house/ and I mean to employ an architect here and try and get the additions made before I get out. Now will it bore you if I go into the matter of my additions fully? I think not 1st Because you have a taste for such things 2^{ndy} Because I imagine (at least I hope) there are no ones who have more personal interest in my having a proper house than – you & my dear M^{rs}. Hardy. So here goes . My wife is dead against a 2nd story A second story w^d give us ample Bedroom accommodation, but indifferent Public Rooms. N^o1 plan shews a house wh/wd [?] be first rate for a dancing party. N^o 2. Such a house as we have been thinking of, entailing \however/ the shifting of the furniture whenever we dance Both houses imply that the \^{present}/ Bedroom & dressing room (with an added Bathroom) ~~and~~ which you occupied, are the best space[?] Bedrooms \places/ in the house. Bow windows

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you can add ad libitum, and to break the long front line one or all of the added rooms can be drawn out \but not pushed back/ from the old level, or one side of the house might be two story or something might be done if it be impossible to construct a moderately sightly addition on this ground plan, but all this sort of thing is the architects affair, not mine – and I have not yet been to anybody. I only shew on paper what I consider a suitable arrangement of a house.

¹⁸ The Briers, at Medindie, more often known as The Briars, had belonged to George Hawker from 1856.

I may add, but I need not trouble you with details because I am sure I am right with it – that I mean to double the kitchen. Now, this gives suitable servants places but does not at all alter the character of the house. So much for Briers

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How time flies. I had not realized that Herbert¹⁹ had been 12 months at work but it must be so. I feel sure he is happy – there is nothing like employment. I wish I had his work and he my play. Elder writes me of his improvement which gave – me intense satisfaction, though I must say I always expected him to prove competently.

The children are all at school here and it is a great change for them to be compelled to work. My wife and I also take lessons in French. She speaks now with some fluency. I have proved myself an utter dolt but I hammer away the best way I can and hope to do something by perseverance. My nature has evidently been unkind to me in this direction in all other respects. We have fixed to go to Rome

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to the Carnival the Rev^d W. Dove accompanying us.

Miss Tickert, [. . .] Cameron & George have gone to Berlin. Nothing came of [. . .] Camerons inspection of the Cape land for us (Colley²⁰ & me) but he goes back to look at 30,000 or 40,000 acres offered to Price Maurice²¹ said to be very good price 1/6^d an acre!!.

W. A L Elder's eldest son²² has sailed by the Collingrove for Adelaide and in leaving means to settle I think either in Australia or more probably in New Zealand. From George & Jane Elder we hear almost daily, he had a serious illness but is now better than ever he was, and has just been elected Chairman of the Liberal Committee for north Ayrshire, which in my opinion

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secures him a seat in Parliament whenever he chuses to go there and I think he has a hankering after political life.

We have had very fine weather here hitherto and no snow. We cannot be said to be enjoying ourselves much and yet the time slips away. We think of all coming by the mail & probably getting out about the new year. Tis a choice between hot winds and frost or rain & Joanna says she prefers the former. I am rid of active rheumatic pain and now sleep as much as previously I kept awake – but I am very much reduced in bulk and have entirely lost that protuberance in front which I used to think added a dignity to my [*continued crosswise along right hand margin*] general appearance. With our united love to M^{rs}. Hardy & your young people Yours vly faithfully
R. Barr Smith

¹⁹ Herbert Mansell Hardy, younger son of Arthur Hardy, was employed as a clerk by Elder Smith & Co.

²⁰ Cavendish Colley (1851-1906), friend of the Barr Smiths.

²¹ Price Maurice (1818-94) pastoralist friend of the Barr Smiths.

²² William George Elder, eldest son of Alexander Lang Elder (1815-1885).

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N°.2 [in blue pencil] X Windows
= Doors

[floorplan of a building in blue pencil]

		front door			
No.3 Drawingroom 30 x 20	Present Drawing room	Present Hall	Present Dining room		No.1 M ^{rs} . Smiths Sitting Room 16 x 24 Billiard No 2 room 20 x 13
			a passage		
	Your Present Bedroom		our Present Bedroom		
	Dress Room	Small bedroom	Small Bedroom	Dressing Room	Bath
		Corridors			

Weak points

- N°.1 Extreme length of front 130 c 135 feet
- N° 2 No Dancing room without removing furniture
- N° 3 Interfering with the windows of the Bedrooms to a certain extent by obstructing the view
- N°.4. No good Bedroom accommodation

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Letter from Robert Barr Smith to Arthur Hardy. 26th November 1873. 3 small folios.

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2 Rue Neuve Ste Eudule

Bruxelles

26. Nov^r. 1873

My dear Hardy

I got the bulk of my Australian letters yesterday Your kind letter of 9th Oct^r to day. It strikes me I have sent you a long letter by this mail about my Briers purchase and plans for additions, and with the chance of being considered changeable I add a line to say that I cannot get a good idea of the additions to Briers as I have previously shewn them; and I am now

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almost of opinion that I ought only to add a Dancing room to the East side and raise a second Storey on the front part of the old ie over the whole of the premises we occupied (exclusive of course of the wings & Corridor used by servants & children) and over the new Dancing room This will give excellent Bedroom accommodation and quite sufficient number of public rooms, as M^{rs} Smiths

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Sitting room and bedroom & the Billiard room will in this case go up Stairs.

The room which you occupied I suppose must be sacrificed to the Stair case and I sh^d imagine it a benefit to pull the new bit out a little from the old level thus [*sketch of floorplan*]

old	old	
Dining	Draw ^g	New
Room	Room	bit
	Present	
	Front	
	door	

As I have asked your advice it is important to say that I am so far wavering.

Tom Elders letter of last mail convinces me I have done the

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best thing I could in buying Briers. Prankerds we never liked & Tom utterly condemns it. C. B Hardy won't even ask a price – the section which he bought for £900 is I think the one M^r. W Hughes suggested to me: Simpson w^d rather “sell the coat off his back” than part with Ridge Park , what could I do better?

Tom says you suggest that I sh^d take a sight next to the spot on which the Governor

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thinks his “faithful Commons” will build him a house; but is not this a little too far up the hill.
When a pair of horses have done (at my pace) the 9½ miles to the end of that road, they are quite willing to pull up on the Cross Road, as soon as I will let them. Sleek Watts has got, with his late purchases, the Cream of the sites except what are your own I imagine.
I don’t know what mind Tomky²³ is in , he was very anxious once that –

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I sh^d.take the whole of his land a bargain; but since that I fear he has steadily been selling all the good and keeping all the worthless –
I look to you to tell me what is absolutely the best I can do now in all that neighbourhood.
I was glad to see you were chairman of the meeting of the University Committee , because it was necessary that there sh^d there be one person with some common sense and some propriety of [*word crossed out*] feeling,

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– able to rule his tongue which no clergyman apparently ever can do.
First of all – I regard the University scheme as a huge blunder. If I had the power, of creating it in the Colony – without cost to the Colony or to myself – I would not do it – Simply because I think it is not wanted and would be worthless. You must remember that it professes to contemplate a staff of Professors, a Curriculum, and the bestowal of “Degrees” You have no

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pupils or students – There is not in So. Australia at this moment 12 individuals seeking an education of this kind, if you include the medical profession even a University in Adelaide therefore has no raison d’etre It could only provide itself with students from other Countries by proving itself superior to Melbourne – to Oxford & to Cambridge. and this you will admit is a work of time

Secondly Suppose I thought ever so well of the University scheme I would not subscribe to it after

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Bruxelles
26. Nov^r. 1873

²³ Samuel Tomkinson (1816-1900) banker, politician, director of several companies, and a friend of Robert’s. He owned much land on Mount Lofty/

Hughes²⁴ experience

He is made the recipient of all the abuse which the Clerical tongue when let loose is capable of (and we know what that is) the Bishop accused him of moral dishonesty and implied untruthfulness. Marryatt and others were nearly as offensive. They ask him, after all this abuse, to fall into their views, and because he replies firmly but with perfect propriety – that he will not; Dean Russell²⁵ expresses his conviction that the letter

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is sadly wanting in the respect due to Mr Geo. Young²⁶ (!) and is \also/ unworthy of a man in Hughes' position Then with an adroitness, worthy of a Jesuit Father, he accuses Hughes of a wicked desire to degrade Davidson & Reid \Hughes friends & whom the Dean hates/ Of all this circle I say "my soul come not thou into their company unto their assembly my honour be not thou united"

I see the troubles that have afflicted you in the

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So. Kapunda Mine, but in mining you must always be prepared to face difficulties for they always present themselves

Many thanks for the punctual payment of interest on my small loan. You will of course either renew it for 12 mos from receipt of this or hold it over and pay it earlier as suits best your own convenience. I have so instructed Elder by this mail

With our united kind love to Mrs Hardy and the

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Young ladies I am

My dear Hardy

yours vy truly

R. Barr Smith

PS

You are quite right to send me my letters to H. Schwartze's address Continue to do so. Our plan is to go to Rome in February for a month; return here till Spring weather fairly sets in – then do what remains of the Continent, returning to England June or July & leaving next Nov^r but wherere we are, Schwartze will forward my letters.

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I post for you via Brindisi Mills' Autobiography The Booksellers were wrong about Miss Taylor's book and I have instructed them to post it also

²⁴ Sir William Watson Hughes, original owner of the Wallaroo copper mine and the benefactor who endowed the University of Adelaide.

²⁵ Alexander Russell (1825-1886), Dean of the Anglican Church in Adelaide.

²⁶ George Young was the Honorary Secretary of the University Association.

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Letter from Robert Barr Smith to Arthur Hardy. 24th December 1873. 2 small folios.
[letter nine]

[folio 1]

Bruxelles

Dec^r 24. 1873

My dear Hardy

I have to own with much pleasure your two notes of 6th Nov^r and your short note of 7th. Many thanks for the trouble you have taken about the House on the plains; that however as you know now has adjusted itself by my buying Briers, and as Joanna does not like Urrbrae I think nothing better has been offered us than Briers. Urrbrae²⁷ it seems to me is cheap as it contains 134 acres, is well wooded, and stands well relatively to roads &c. &c. I think you

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put a moderate value on Springfield and your nephew a high one. Milnes²⁸ place never had any attraction for me the approach is so bad. ²⁹I do not telegraph to you about Mt Lofty house, partly because I do not know the house and Grounds sufficiently to induce me to buy without consideration.³⁰ I remit the matter to Elder with a full explanation of my views, and I thank you very sincerely for the offer. I put the pros & cons to Elder. Thus I admit that your house has the best views and in the nearest position to the Mt Barker road it is therefore the most convenient.

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It has also the advantage of a formed Garden. against it there are these things – It has a bad approach for Carriages – it is not to my taste a pretty house – and I do not think with my large family I could occupy it permanently without considerable additions. I don't then know what it would cost me to end with. Forgive the plain manner in which I state these things, I wish to repeat to you as I have to Elder my feelings and weighings of this matter. I prefer the old place (Watts) to any, failing that I say to Elder you know what I want and think – weigh the whole for me and buy what you consider best in the circumstances

²⁷ The Urrbrae estate was later bought by Peter Waite who donated the land and the house he built on it to the University of Adelaide in 1913.

²⁸ Sir William Milne (1822-1895), wine and spirits merchant built Eurilla on Mount Lofty Summit Road but not until 1884-5.

²⁹ From here until 'weighings of this matter' on page 3 a thin pencil line has been drawn down the left hand margin.

³⁰ Robert Barr Smith's use of the term Mount Lofty House is confusing. In 1867 Alfred Watts (1815-1884), accountant and business man, former Member of Parliament and Director of the Bank of Australasia, bought Mount Lofty House, (still called Mount Lofty House today), from Arthur Hardy who had built it in 1857. Hardy then built another house further down Summit Road nearer the Mount Barker Road which he called Number Seven (now Wonnaminta). Barr Smith has used the term Mount Lofty House for Number Seven, and has called the real Mount Lofty House 'the old place (Watts)'.

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of my family.

I don't like going beyond Watts house up the M^t if I can help it but there was at one time a great tract of good land immediately beyond it and on the same side. I leave it to Elder with an expression of my likings & dislikings and plainly ³¹my preference for the land opposite your walnut paddock if there is enough of it and if I am to build an entirely new house.

Touching the loan of £3000 at 6p.ct. I will not make these loans from this side. I have bought some land in Scotland adjoining my mother's, and I have not fixed what I do with the funds I have in London. Please reply in the matter of a loan to Grenfell St. [...] may take it for Binnies estate.

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Under advice of a celebrated Edinburgh architect Bryce, I gave up the notion of taking off the roof of Briers He recommended a two story addition at one side. Unfortunately he could not undertake the work at all, and I am getting elevations from another man. I offered to sell Briers if Hughes w^d let me have Torrens Park, but the old man shewed no disposition to do so, & I really am indifferent now.

There has been a good deal of fever in Brussels and I am sorry to tell you Tom has been laid down poor fellow he is very weak and we have been uneasy about him as he is not a strong boy though hitherto healthy. We are sending all the other children to the country and, a little panic stricken we at one time intended their going to England. The winter has

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been an open and unhealthy one Our plans just now wait upon our boys state. We were to start for Rome shortly with Canon Dove but that is now in abeyance for the moment.

I am about a week returned from London & Scotland I spent 3 nights with the George Elders and found them well: George is Chairman of the Liberal Association in Ayrshire and had fired off one of his good speeches at Ardrossan a few days before I got to Knock. I think he has a hankering after Parliament

There has been an election in my native country just now It cost the successful candidate £12.000 – now hitherto in Renfrewshire elections have been

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inexpensive as a rule, but now with the great affluence everywhere, rich men seem to go at almost every seat, with the backing of the "Almighty dollar" very frequently with success. I think a measure might and ought to be framed to stop all this kind of thing including "agents"

I got George Mains address two days ago from London in his own handwriting. I write him to-day. By the way I forgot when I put this down your explanation to me of your uncomfortable relations to him or rather his unaccountable conduct. I forgot it all [*added in pencil in another hand, probably Arthur Hardy's*] only that he did not accept an invitation to dinner or

³¹ Two thin pencil lines have been drawn down the left hand margin from here until the bottom of the page.

decline it or call but it was many years ago & he has been with us since –
In Edinburgh I found the Miss Edmonston & Douglas had again blundered about Miss Taylor's
Life of Buckle and have sent you Buckles Posthumous works. I hope however you will be glad to
have these the other I must

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look up myself in London

I am glad to hear Herbert is to have an increase of Salary I hope it will be a good one I wrote
you that I had good accounts of him from the Office.

I think Joannas request to address letters other than to Helmuth Schwartz a slip of the pen. He
charges all postages. W Elder does not. Please let letters continue to come to Schwartzes'
care 1 Moorgate Buildings London

This is a poor return for your interesting note but time is very pressing with me

With our united best love to Mrs Hardy and the young ladies

Yours vy faithfully

R. Barr Smith

PS

It is an antecedent condition to my building on the Mount or buying, that Mrs. Hardy remains on
it too

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Letter from Robert Barr Smith to Arthur Hardy. 22nd January 1874. 2 small folios.
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[*folio 1*]

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2 Rue Neuve Ste Eudule
Bruxelles
22. Jany. 1874.

Dear Hardy

I received your pleasant letter of 3^d Dec^r on the afternoon of the 20th. I thank you much for the messages you send me about Miss Taylor but I have already told you I had the pleasure of meeting her.

I am glad to be able to say that after 3 weeks of his bed Tom is up again and though thin & weak is progressing towards recovery . We have fixed to start for Italy on the 6th of Feb and we hope to be able to take the boy with us for a change

Briers

I recognize with you the importance of having Dutton's bit of land but it is easier to see that than to accomplish the end in view. Hawker spoke to Dutton, and Duttons reply was "I will not sell at all unless the whole of the land I have in that neighbourhood is

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taken (some 30 to 40 acres) and my price is £200 c. £300 an acre". Now in as much as Gilberts section which is better land and has an even better aspect, was cut up and partially sold at about 80 to 100 p acre for the choice allotments – and as so far as I know it – the 30 or 35 acres are useless to me – it would not do to pay a sum like £12000 for this bit of land– especially as I sh^d be giving at least more than £7000 beyond its value. The truth is I cannot be in a worse position that I sh^d be to buy, and I don't think it would answer any purpose to negotiate with Dutton It is only a case for waiting – and if the worst comes to the worst I must accept another neighbour and hope he will be a good fellow – that's all
= I was much amused at your putting the words of Edgar Poes "Raven" into the mouths of Rowley Warburton and H. Hirth [?] Walters. There are men who seem to enjoy leaving the world playing

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practical jokes on those they leave behind. No doubt Hart did give out that the £5000 was only a taste of good things to come – for I have heard him indicate this myself. and what he said to me he must have said to others to whom it was more useful to say it. What shall we say then ? Is it time to sorrow over the disappointment of the young people? – or shall we rejoice that selfish expectations have been disappointed – and that the young couples – whatever they may have intended, are left to console themselves with mutual affection which after all is the proper band in wedlock.– = I do not agree with you as to Mrs Hughes' relative position Colony versus old

Country. It is just in the Colony she failed. People resented her wealth and wanted to shew they did not bow down to it. In Ayrshire they stood very well – and were much sought after by the Fergusson connexion

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It is not saying much to say that Hughes has greatly more natural talent and force of character than the average Ayrshire Squire – and Mrs. Hughes more talent than the Squire's lady. Given (which we have here) wealth & an introduction and the result is considerable. Hughes likes the Colony but she does not – and Hughes likes Ayrshire and the Society of an occasional Lord too – I do not think they will ever return Still the old Gentleman showed not the slightest inclination to sell Torrens Park which she urged him to do.

I have read with great pleasure Sir Henry Ayres [?] speech on the Education Bill. He has a hold of the right principle (in my judgment) "Free & Compulsory" I have seen some good speeches lately on both sides but I think the weight of sense and argument is with Ayres³². The objections which have a certain show of reality become shadows when looked at closely like the Spiritual body called into

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[blue printed letterhead]
2 Rue Neuve Ste Eudule
Bruxelles

existence at a Seance.

I think John Morley³³ has published his writings on the subject of education in a collected form and if I can get it I will send it out to Ayers – or any book which I think will serve his purpose for I do think it will be a disgrace to the Council if it throws out the Bill. I dont know how Elder goes but I trust he is on the right side.

They are fooling away money indefinitely Shall they hold their hands in a matter which is to stamp the future of the Colony. Till I saw the Statistics, I had no idea we were so ignorant a people. Although I have seen very little here I have from

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what I have heard – modified my previous estimate of the Belgians – I don't think they are beating England in machinery making. They are I think an industrious people but I have seen as much drunkenness here as anywhere and I am assured that German prosperity is making the people more drunken.

It is useless to go on as we are doing. Government I think must interfere with the Conditions under which intoxicating liquors are sold and the first step in this direction is to do away with any revenue derived from Licensing Public Houses – the next step to reduce their number to ¼th of the present It is not a Teetotal question at all. Since the great

³² Sir Henry Ayres (1821-1897), legislator and business man was Premier of South Australia five times.

³³ John Morley, 1st Viscount Morley of Blackburn (1838-1922), British Liberal statesman. *The Struggle for National Education, 1873.*

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advance in the wages of the Colliers and Ironstone miners – the West of Scotland is very bad. In no part of the world can you see more brutal faces. I was ashamed of my country .

This dear Hardy is a digression and I daresay not very interesting only you are on the Education Board and bound to listen.

We go to Rome I said on the 6th. We shall be away for six weeks and mean to plant the children somewhere in England end of March. I shall probably not write to you by next mail. When we shall come out depends as to a month or two on the prospects of our additions and that in turn depends partly

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on when I send the plans Tom Elder was very prompt in letting me have those of the present house and I sent them on the day I got them to the Architect so no time is being lost. Our united kind love to Mrs Hardy and the young ladies

and I am dear Hardy

Yours vy truly

R . Barr Smith

PS May I trouble you to send the enclosed to Trenerly I have closed my letter to him .

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Letter from Robert Barr Smith to Arthur Hardy. 12th March 1874. 2 small folios.

[*letter eleven*]

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[*folio 1*]

Bruxelles

March 12 1874

Dear Hardy

Your kind letter by the December-January mail reached me in Rome where it followed me but I was not of course able to answer it by the outgoing mail So you were without a letter from me. We have just returned from Rome, and are starting out again with the children for St Leonards where Mr Anthony Forster has taken a house for the Bairns – and where we mean to plant them until we start for the Colony.

It w^d take me much longer time than I can command to tell you one half of our enjoyment in Rome. We were only able to give 14 days to it and 14 weeks

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would not exhaust the place – I have never seen any place so absorbing. We did what we could in the time. There are three Spirits of Rome which hold chief sway there over a visiter. The Spirit of the Republic & Empire – The Spirit of the Church – & The Spirit of Art –

Rome adds to these all that other cities have and more than all – as there is at present going on there the Social & political changes which have followed Victor Emmanuel's occupation of the place – These are not few – and after running over his Empire and examining it in a dozen of its chief towns and hearing all people had to say about him – I have made up my mind that the King of Italy is, if not the most meritorious monarch in Europe,

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at least second in the order of merit

He has I confess a difficult card to play and he does not give everybody satisfaction. The Italians are a lazy and a dirty race – and he is trying hard to make them work, and to make them clean – and they make as loud an outcry as old Barney the Irishman did, when they tried to force a clean shirt upon him. To make public works, the King taxes his people pretty stiffly, and as they have been content to do without roads for centuries, they think they are a mistake when coupled with taxation

However His Majesty goes on his own way. Works are being pushed forward on a large scale with much energy – wherever Government is you may know it by its'

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order & cleanliness. Education is being attempted on a national scale – though by the way the Compulsory Clause was lost just about the time I was in Rome – The King has given up 44 17 (I think) of his Palaces to be turned into Public schools, and if no financial crisis or stupid war intervene, I think he will make Italy a great nation Tis a splendid country, and with a couple of millions of Yorkshiremen or Scotchmen in it, would not be very long oppressed with debt or compelled to borrow at 10 p ct

However I find I have run away with the harrows [?] and have left my “Three Spirits” to whom I originally introduced you, standing shivering in the cold. Of these Gentlemen the one which most possessed us was I think he of “Art” my wife & I became

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enthusiastic admirers of the Italian school. I have bought a few copies of the old masters which we compared in buying with the originals and which poor as they are by comparison may give our children if they care for such things an idea of \the/ colouring &c.

We have also a lot of photographs and we hope by these means to live over our pleasures again With the Churches externally I was much disappointed – with them internally I was charmed. As a piece of Architecture St. Peters is a huge blunder – as an exhibition of decoration it is wonderful. I agree with Somebody who said that the Italians were excellent Builders & bad Architects – I don't think I

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Saw many Churches in Italy which literally w^d bear criticism

We returned by the Corniche road and stopped for 4 hours at Avignon on our way from Marseilles to Paris. We drove out to J. S. Mills³⁴ house and saw Miss Taylor who received us kindly. It was very interesting to see the place where he used to work and we felt that it w^d give you and dear Mrs. Hardy pleasure to be able to tell you we had seen for ourselves

To turn to South Australian matters – By last mail I wrote to Tom to say that understanding he had bought the

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Fern Gully allotment for me I w^d accept it as mine whatever he he did otherwise for me. I have not taken any of Tomkinsons other blocks because this 33 acres is a stand by and I don't care to have more unless I build there. I w^d have no objection to settle at the Fern Gully were it not that the distance from the main road is increased by that bad hill at G. D. Youngs place. I write again by this mail to Tom to do what he thinks best for me I have of course no reply to my previous letter to him about your place & Watts place of which I gave you the substance. I believe it will all end in the matter being left over till I come out I know

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³⁴ John Stuart Mill had been Arthur Hardy's brother-in-law and Mill's step daughter Helen Taylor was his niece.

from my own feelings – how disagreeable it is to fix for another – even when you have the most perfect confidence in one another

I shall be writing you soon again I hope, but not I imagine by this mail. I have an appointment with an architect in London on Monday next & I am trying to send away the plans of additions to Briers by the Steamer which takes this

With our united best love to Mrs Hardy & the young ladies

I am.

Dear Hardy

Yours vy truly

R. Barr Smith

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Letter from Robert Barr Smith to Arthur Hardy. 15th April 1874. 2 quarto sheets.

[*letter twelve*]

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19 Robertson Terrace
Hastings.
April 15. 1874

My dear Hardy.

I hope this is not the second letter which I am sending you by this mail. I am sure I cannot remember. At all events I have your kind letter of Feb^{ry} 26th to acknowledge

Here let me say that we are pretty sure to start in October and therefore although I think I will get any letter which you are kind enough to write me in August unless you hear that we have deferred our journey it will not be safe to post later than August.

I am much obliged to you for continuing your remarks on Mt Lofty houses and there is no chance of my mistaking motives, or any unworthy suspicion lodging in my mind. I told you what I think and plan, and you have told me without reserve what you think, and I I am really much obliged to you for the offer of your house. I feel that I am not likely to offend you by speaking frankly and openly on any Subject of this kind and you I am glad to see have sufficient confidence in me to do so also –

Elder sent me home plans of a house by Saxby of Pulsford & Co by last mail but I think he has destroyed by altering the arrangements of the inside which I suggested while the outside I believe would be \by his plan/ unnecessarily hideous. In a house which you intend to be perfectly plain there may still be some little break in the wall

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abutment, window, Porch, Cornice or something which helps the eye and makes the difference between one plan and another, and I must say Saxby for Pulsford & Co had succeeded in doing it as badly as it could be done

By this mail I write giving up all claim to No 11 which I now see definitely Elder intended for himself from the beginning . I was under the impression that he only adopted a delicate way of enabling me to refuse it if I felt inclined by speaking of himself in the matter at all: He will by & bye have as many residences as Victor Emanuel.

I have not telegraphed to Elder about Tomky's land for three good & sufficient reasons 1st I have not made up my mind to buy it

2nd I hate to telegraph it seems such a waste

3d I am just a little sore that, after all that has happened, the moment I propose to buy, my friend Samuel³⁵ puts the price up on me

As it stands just now I have previously said to Elder I think "I leave it to you \Elder/ but I am quite willing to wait till I get out even if I have to look to Belair or elsewhere than the Mount" By this

³⁵ Samuel Tomkinson (Tomky)

mail I send him certain words which will enable me to send a sentence about Nos. 9 & 10 & your house at any time. Of course I am quite aware that your house is not now under offer to me.

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I have read with pleasure the articles in the Harp” – they are written with considerable ability – in fact all through it is well written though violent I did not know the “Harp” was so well conducted truly. I am entirely with you, and with it, on the broad principle. I do not consider that it is at all a question whether the appointment rested exclusively with the Government or not. I assume that it did. But a Board of Gentlemen having been appointed as an Education Board and this Inspector having to work under them or with them; their feelings sh^d. have been consulted/ and their approval should have been asked . The matter seems to me so clear that I don’t understand how there can be two opinions

Von Treuer³⁶ has written to me naturally on his appointment, and I have said that I assume he has satisfied himself that this kind of thing is not likely to be repeated with the new Board.

We go to London to meet George & Jane Elder on the 17th. They come to us here thereafter and we go together to Paris in a fortnight I suppose we shall not come back to England until we have seen Switzerland & Germany with anything else we can accomplish.

Joanna had a letter from M^{rs} Smillie³⁷ this week She and Jeanie are still in Rome and Jeanie very ill unable to get away although the place is not now very healthy .

Miss Hart has been with us – the Harts are all well I have a letter from M^{rs}. Hart telling me she is going by the Mail Steamer but anxious

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to know that it is safe I have assured her nobody will run away with her and I think she is comforted

Joanna has two or three notes from M^{rs} John Adam Fergusson about a servant. Poor thing she cannot write without pouring out her soul in longings after So Australia and South Australians. She runs over the whole list of those who are coming (Some of them by the way not very much in love with us) by the various vessels and says how happy we must be to meet them as they come for South Australia. A young lady with these sentiments sh^d not have been permitted to leave a country where patriots are scarce at least outside of the “Ouse”

Here are stationed of South Australian “Tony” Forster who is very kind and whom we see often and Strangways and his wife. We two met these two and by mutual consent we passed without recognition

W. R. Swan and John Ridley and his daughter left last week. Both of Ridleys daughters are literary and one of them writes poetry.

The children enjoy this place much as their are pools and places in which they can Swim their Boats. Just at this point I had a vision of Mrs. Hardy, my spirit ear became acute and having visited Mt Lofty in my Spirit body I heard her distinctly say “Your friend is writing rubbish he had

³⁶ Adolf von Treuer was a member of the Council of the University of Adelaide from 1874 to 1894..

³⁷ Matthew Smillie was an Adelaide lawyer who had settled his family at Nairne in the Adelaide Hills.

better stop.” There is a manifestation for Singleton With our united love to M^{rs} Hardy & the
young ladies
Yours vy truly
R B Smith

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Since writing this I have replied to a note of Tomkinsons His letter & yours go out lovingly to
Elder & Co in the same envelope to save postage

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Letter from Robert Barr Smith to Arthur Hardy. 10th June 1874. 2 small folios.

[*letter thirteen*]

[*folio 1*]

[*Printed letterhead showing Garter symbol with words*]

GRAND HOTEL DE LA PAIX
J. KOHLER
Geneva.
10. June 1874 .
GENEVE

Dear. Hardy.

Your letter of 28th March followed me to the Continent. I did not reply from want of time; and I think I had written you by that mail.

I have not had an opportunity of getting you the Codes & the book of forms for which you write, but I shall do so on my return. I am also going to try & remember blackbirds & cherry netting, I have all these in my head if they don't slip out. I think I can promise you the Codes & forms – in fact I will write to London to-day and try and get them in readiness if not for this mail certainly for next. I feel I might

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have executed your commission by correspondence ere this.

Joanna & I have made a very rapid run just now, to get a kind of flying view of many places, and a little more detailed information about others. The weather on the whole has been favourable although it began by being cold & wet and is finishing up with too great heat, and heat here means something more oppressive than the heat of South Australia.

I have been most agreeably surprised with the extreme beauty of some parts of Austria – Specially Styria & the Tyrol (Austrian) Somehow or another I never got it into my head that these places were so grand. They are not much travelled in, or talked about, but so far as scenery goes they are the best worth seeing countries of Europe The Semmering Pass, Gratz, the great Styrian Iron district (grand) Salzburg, Innsbruck, Tyrol,

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Vorarlberg, all exquisite in their way.

The road we travelled by, excellent, though sometimes a little awful, where the hills seemed almost to overhang you on either side, and the way went by the edge of chasms; in which case I question whether my wife thoroughly enjoyed the scene – The passage of the Arlberg mountain is pretty steep we had four horses and two drivers and it took us over two hours to get to the top of the mountain from St Anton which is at the very foot. Some of the passes before you reach the final climb are quite as dangerous as the mountain itself.

We saw one genuine land slip which had occurred a fortnight before. From nearly the top of a very high mountain on our right a strip of soil seemed to have parted itself from the Mountain; it came down widening as it came, and carrying everything before it, sweeping across the road and depositing

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an immense mass of earth rocks broken trees standing on their heads – everything higgledy piggledy. The peasants had cut a passage through the mass which crossed the road and we got through – they were removing the debris as fast as they could whilst we passed. I have not got near any of the great glaciers in this country, there was a necessity to come here for the mail letters and if I am to see anything of Alp Scrambling I must come back

I am not so fit for this kind of work though since I had my “rheumatiz” which though gone has left a slight occasional pain in my leg. Singularly enough I have never been fat since I had rheumatism. Yet I eat & sleep as much as before

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My wife says I dont look half so well thin. I think myself much improved in my looks.

At Vienna we ran up against the Maturins and spent one whole day with them. Maturin was speaking of your old friend Torrens³⁸. The loss of his seat is a great disappointment, and an incurable evil I fear. No man can go into the British House of Commons now who has not lots of money. It is more a question of Cash than of brains – Are [?] you seated after an expenditure of thousands – Your opponent alleges bribery

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and you have to defend your seat which costs you thousands more. In my native country Colonel Campbells election cost him £12,000 (admitted) and the rest. He never took his seat. Tried it again and was beat. I suppose £20,000 did not more than cover his attempt – In the Ayr Burgh Baird the great ironmaster who made a present of £500,000 ½ a million/ to the Church of Scotland last year, said “Crawford the Liberal must go out it is not a question of money” Out Crawford went – This sort of thing is going on over all the land and if you were

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here I would suggest that instead of turning your attention to the subject of Land Reform which Torrens has practically exhausted – you sh^d try your hand at purifying elections. my crude notion is that the Expense of all elections sh^d be paid by Government, and all agency of every kind denied to candidates. But I have not elaborated my scheme yet, and as I am to be a South Australian it does not appear necessary that I sh^d.

Tom has bought as you know these 50 acres of land on the Mount . And I look to build whenever I come out. Then I

³⁸ Robert Richard Torrens (1814-1884) emigrated to Adelaide from Ireland in 1840. He is best known in Australia for his reform of land titles. He became a member of Parliament and Premier. He returned to Great Britain in 1865 when he was nominated for the British House of Commons seat of Cambridge. He was elected in 1868 but defeated in 1874.

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shall want to know where my house sh^d be planted – where my stable and where the garden.
That I must begin to trench at once. I shall look to you for help herein
I enclose a note for M^{rs}. Hardy and with our united best regards and wishes I am

Dear Hardy

Yours vy truly

R. Barr Smith

PRG 101_2_62

Letter from Robert Barr Smith to Arthur Hardy. 19th June 1874. 1 quarto size folio.
[*letter fourteen*]

[*original badly torn; some words missing*]

[*Blue embossed crest of a bound lion*]

19. Robertson Terrace
Hastings
Jun 19. 1874

My dear Hardy –

We came here two days ago and here if the place & people suit we mean to leave the children until we go out. Anthony Forster took this house for us, and I assure you it is after Colonial\Continental/ experience one fully realizes the comforts of an English house. I have written to you one letter which will go by this mail from Brussels, but I have since your letter of 31st January and have very greatly to thank you for the careful manner in which you go into the Briers addition.

If I had Dutton's land – I think without advice I sh^d have cleared the eastern frontage one [. . . .] deal before I dropped the bore – with your [. . .] I sh^d have come to the conclusion that somehow it must be right – but then I have not Duttons ground and so far as I know I am not likely to get it. I have however made up my mind to know the worst and I have written a note to M^r Dutton which I assume he will have the civility to answer at his own convenience Suppose I had it there only remains two points 1st That I have now completed plans of an addition which though it excludes that pinch beck³⁹ 52 ft Ballroom – in all particulars answers only just requirements and costs only a little over one half my original scheme. These plans go [] next [?] mail and the work (Architectural) must now be paid for

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2nd Any change now must make a delay in our beginning to build and my wife is impatient to return.

3rd If I brought the addition to that end, the Southern windows of the addition – upstairs – w^d look into Goyders back premises more directly
But yesterday W. W. Hughes⁴⁰ made me an offer of Torrens Park on terms which I consider much better value than Briers and I am now considering it. I have no plan of the house and this he is trying to guess at from memory. There are many things to be said on both sides – 17 reasons on the pro and 16³/₄ on the Con. The Devil must have tempted Hughes first to refuse my overtures, and [then] to waver after I was engaged to another person. Probably you will hear by telegram the results before you get this

³⁹ Pinchbeck was an alloy of copper and zinc used to imitate gold: hence something spurious.

⁴⁰ Walter Watson Hughes (1803-1887), pastoralist, mine-owner and public benefactor, came to Australia in 1840 and returned permanently to England in February 1873. He sold Torrens Park to Robert Barr Smith. It is now Scotch College.

Ignorance of Torrens park house makes one difficulty – I have no means of guessing how badly it is divided internally nor yet whether by any slight alterations it can be improved. It is further away than Briers and therefore less of a town house Neither of us like it so well as Briers – and yet how soon all that might be changed

Suppose Samuel Raphael or Alfred Watts, or John Bond Phipson, bought Duttons block and built upon it what a jolly row [that] would be.

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My dear Hardy

I really cannot tell you what I would like myself. Make Elder read to you what I say about Mt Lofty places. I am so sick of thinking these things over and over that I am glad to delegate to another fixing for me. Just as a man will occasionally put papers in a hat and take the lot which chance sends him.

The books which I send you, you cannot ask me the price of without offending me I know you don't wish to do that.

I had an opportunity of telling Hughes yesterday your message. I sh^d not wonder if the vulgar violent, and ungentlemanly, clerical abuse had something to do with driving the old man out of the Colony. He has now no intent to return. How they might have batted upon him, and sucked his juices to fill their own sleek black skins – if they could only have kept their tempers – But they could not – That one or two hyenas of another breed should have a tuck in at the carcass, was not to be tolerated – and soon they were at each others throat, during which self destructive contests, friends have interfered and carried the body out of their reach thank goodness

I read with much interest your remarks on the course the Govt. have taken with the Education Board. I see your letter on Russell in the latest Register – Russell & Tomkinson are a good deal alike of the two – Tomkinson is probably the more pious

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Russell the more honest. Nature intended to reverse their positions I think your colleagues were to blame in resigning – you sh^d all have held or gone together. It is a mistake too to relieve the Government of an unpleasant duty – You sh^d have followed the example of Hayman of Rugby not Hama the chief Seer of Ahasuerus.

I wanted to tell you about Torrens Park by this mail, as Joanna had heard nothing about it when she wrote Mrs Hardy – to whom I tender my warmest love & I am

Dear Hardy

Yours vy faithy

R. Barr Smith.

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Letter from Robert Barr Smith to Arthur Hardy. 10th July 1874. 1 quarto size folio and one loose sheet.

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[*folio*]

Hastings

10. July . 1874

My dear Hardy

I have the pleasure to reply by this mail to your kind letter of 19th April. Your May letters are delayed and unless the outgoing mail which takes this is kept back , we shall not have them in time to say anything to you about them. I go however to London on the day this mail closes that I may give myself every chance of noticing them if they require it. Your last letter found me in Paris, since which I have been in Scotland with my mother and at Knock with the George Elders

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I have had my first experience of a yacht race in a storm, and feel myself competent to take command of the Channel fleet – as a matter of course – I announced my intention of coming out for the future as an authority – but “you have had no experience” said my simple minded companion and auditor. My dear Patrick I replied “If you knew me as well as I know myself, you would be aware, that I have often in life been compelled to exhibit considerable knowledge of subjects with less experience than I have at yachting”

It has long been my belief – and I used to annoy our poor friend John Gaston [?] by saying it that – the man who passes in the world as possessing general intelligence – in nine cases out of ten does so by speaking confidently on subjects of which he is entirely ignorant. But to leave views life & character, and come to our race – it was indeed very enjoyable & exciting.

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The yachts we sailed against were amongst the best in England Pantomine 142 Tons Cythera 110. Orinara 160 all famous names – ours the Hesperia 78 was the smallest of the lot and though we received time for tonnage, the weather being very boisterous – it was considered we had a disadvantage in the gale – ~~He~~ 10 were entered 5 sailed – the Hesperia took 3^d prize of £40 and on a 50 mile course was only beat by the winner of the cup by 1 minute 21 seconds – We beat the Garrion for 3d place by nearly 10 minutes.

‘Twas occasionally very wet work. I was drenched with rain & salt water – and I saw a man in the lee Scuppers once or twice up to his waist in water with everything on the deck which was loose floating about – promiscuously

I got my brother Willie to go to the publishers about the book of Codes, to save time I enclose you his report. I have since written to Mess^{rs} Sampson Low & Co asking them to send the books to you and the account to me – if they get them you will please accept them from me, as my contribution to the advancement of liberal legislation in land. I wrote explaining the circumstances viz – that the author had been in So. Australia, and explaining his views to the Legal profession, and I expressed a hope that in the circumstances they would take some trouble, which I have no doubt they will

I have been elected a Member of the Royal Geographical society – for a day or two (I was

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in Scotland my wife amused herself by addressing me \Smith/ F.R.G.S. When I get back to Australia I must do a bit of exploration or send home a fossil Bunyip or something to justify the Society.

The Collingrove has arrived, but I have not heard of any of her passengers' health We had arranged to go to Salisbury to meet Mrs. Hodding & Mrs. Tom Boothby, something prevents it at the moment but I suppose we shall go by Stage. There is a painful advertisement in the Times calling for Charity for Dr. Carey – who otherwise it is stated must return to Australia to go into the workhouse there. His wife I hear has gone back to her mother taking the children with her. Tis a sad break up altogether. You remember them at Glenelg

I am going to write to Tom Elder by this mail that if on the 50 acres of the Mount – there is no mistake about the approximate site for the house, and in connexion therewith no doubt as to the ground which is suitable for garden – I think it ought to be cleared and broken up at once So that the garden ground may have all next Summer's Sun and probably be fit for planting almost as soon as we get out or say in the early Spring . Give my man M^cDonald a hint – he will be sent [?] about it. I dare say you can guide him to suitable labour on the Mount I have an architect

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giving me a hint of a single \one/ storey house of 14 rooms. His first idea is a square with a central court covered with glass. w^d this be too hot I wonder and w^d there be a want of ventilation. I am in earnest to push on a home on Mt Lofty.

We hear nothing by telegraph of anything being done, by the Board of the Moonta, at the end of their two months notice and I assume it was found quite impossible to do anything or we sh^d have heard of it

The Board having admitted it's blunder it w^d ~~have bee~~ be ungenerous to criticize much – and we all make blunders. One little thing I wish they had avoided – that is giving H. K. Hughes⁴¹ an opportunity of doing it so cheap a rate so great an act of Quasi philanthropy. The mistakes having been made and the Board having made up their minds to concede all the men asked for – there was nothing to be gained and much to be lost by allowing Hughes to push in his oar. The reply to the "Deputation" in my opinion sh^d have been – ~~The~~ Gentⁿ we are obliged to you but we cannot allow you to interfere between us and our workmen. There is nothing we will do for you, which we will not do for them and from our own sense of right – our relations and feelings with & to our men have always been most friendly there is nothing in the world to prevent their dealing with us direct. Then the concession which they had made up their mind to make,

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w^d have appeared to come from the Directors – now it appears to have been yielded to the persuasive eloquence of M^r

H. K. Hughes. He brags. and takes the pool. I forget by the way if there is a pool of "Brag" no matter you know what I mean .

⁴¹ Henry Kent Hughes (1814-1880), pastoralist, was a member of Parliament in South Australia.

My wife went up yesterday to London, to see her sister & brother the Alick Elders – I have William Swan staying here, so c^d not accompany her. If she were here she w^d send, as I do my love to M^{rs} Hardy

A. Forster is here just now, and I spent last night with him. He grumbles a good deal but seems to enjoy himself despite his groans – groaning which – unlike those referred to in Scripture – are uttered in words. Joanna says – “He is just like you Bob the Society of women is absolutely necessary to him” I’m sure I don’t know how that may be I’m sure.

All this time I have been keeping Swan sitting alone in the next room so I must conclude.

Dear Hardy

Excuse the careless writing & diction

Yours vy truly

R. Barr Smith

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Letter from Robert Barr Smith to Arthur Hardy. 27th July 1874. 1 quarto size folio.

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Hastings

July. 27. 1874.

My dear Hardy

I have now the pleasure to own your valued letter of 17 May which as you know was late in coming

We are delighted to hear that our old friend Arthur⁴² has made an engagement which meets with your approval and M^{rs} Hardy's; and which seems to give so much pleasure to the friends on both sides

This is as it should be, and as to the only drawback which you name, viz the young lady's having a fortune – why in the colony a young lady cannot marry a young man with a fortune, for there are not two in South Australia so far as I know who have this. My wife is writing to Arthur with our sincere congratulations by this mail

I see you are allowing the Education Board matter to sleep, these kind of things are more worry than they are worth, but one cannot sit down always under any injustice. I fancy there are more people who sympathize with you than with Blyth and no man who would not rather be in your shoes than in D^r Campbells – probably including D^r. Campbell himself

I have no reply yet about Fields

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Codes, nor is it time that I should have one. I was in London last week but was fairly oppressed with work or I sh^d have gone to see these Book Sellers – Canon Dove met me in London and we think we have hit on a tutor for the children My wife now thinks that we sh^d have done more justice to the children if we had remained in this country. We found out an excellent School for Tom and at one time thought of leaving him. He agreed to stay but as he is a child that requires to be watched and forced to eat – and has not much of a constitution at his age we were afraid lest at a public school he sh^d get snuffed out altogether

I have secured a few thrushes but not many. I did not know soon enough that I must have young birds to do any good. However before I leave I will try and establish an agency for getting them next year .

I go to Scotland about the 12th but not chiefly for shooting. I have given my brother Willie (who is home from India) leave to take a moor for me nominally – really for himself – but he has not done so yet. I wont be able to devote more than three or four days to it in any case

Miss Fickert and Georgie have gone to Paris to see what the French world is like Miss F being a Prussian likes to have a peep at her enemies – I am able to tell you that we have actually taken our passage by the

⁴² Arthur Marmaduke Hardy (1851-1934) was the eldest son of Arthur Hardy. In 1878 he married Catherine Louise Hallett.

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Mail Steamer which leaves this on the 22nd of October. I hope before we get out you will have settled all your mining disputes in the Colony. Strange to say I cannot feel much sympathy with these men I do very much sympathize with the Labourers with their 11/- a week These Cornish fellows however have more than they make a good use of – they are arrogant in their conduct and unjust to their opponents, and false in their assertions – One can generally judge by a trace of the Divinity which they worship – and as these men's God is M^r Henry Kent Hughes we need not wonder at their short comings. – Kind love to M^{rs}. Hardy and the young ladies and I am Dear Hardy
Yours vry truly
R. Barr Smith

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Letter from Lucy Ley to Arthur Marmaduke Hardy 19th June [ca.1875] One small folio.⁴³

[*in pencil by Mabel Hardy*] Mrs Ley (Lucy) to A.M.H. [*over written in blue biro*] A. M Hardy
wife of Louis Ley

62 Capel St
West Melbourne
June 19th

[*in pencil*] [Ca. 1875]

My dear Mr Hardy,

Although I do not know you, I must write a few lines to thank you for your kind present to my husband. He is not able to write anything himself, or he would personally acknowledge your kindness, but you must take everything I say as coming

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from him. He is not at all well just now I think the weather is very trying, his eyesight is so dim he can hardly make out anything sometimes.

With kind regards & thanking you again very much

I remain dear Mr Hardy

Very truly yours

Lucy Ley.

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⁴³ Lucy Eliza Ley née Cremer was the wife of James Louis Arthur Ley, son of Caroline Ley, Arthur Hardy's sister. Arthur Marmaduke Hardy was Arthur's eldest son.

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Letter from Lucy Ley to Arthur Marmaduke Hardy 16th August [ca.1875] One small folio.

[*in pencil by Mabel Hardy*] Lucy Ley (wife of Louis) to AMH at Georgetown]

Kent House

Hutt St.

Adelaide

August 16th.

[*in pencil*] [ca 1875]

My dear Arthur,

I am writing for Louis (for you know I always manage his correspondence for him) to ask you to do a little piece of business for him. A man called Thurgoland, was dismissed from the Melbourne office at the same time Louis was, he

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came round here, & went to live with his son in law, a chemist, lately \commenced business/ at Georgetown⁴⁴. I want you to find him out, & tell him that M^r Sleight, [?] also a late arrival from Melbourne has received a telegram from M^r Finley, asking where M^r Thurgoland is to be found, & saying that a letter supposed to be of importance is waiting for him there.

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Perhaps M^r Thurgoland might like to telegraph his present address to M^r Finley. Louis does not know his exact address, or whether he is still in Georgetown so that must be our excuse for troubling you about him. He is a Yorkshireman, which may perhaps account for his peculiar name. I suppose you will be coming down to

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town soon, when I hope we shall see something of you & your wife. We are living in a most delightful house now, that Aunt Martha was kind enough to find for us, we had been very uncomfortable before, and I began to fear we should be driven to go into a little house by ourselves. With kind regards to M^{rs} Hardy & yourself,
Very truly yours
Lucy Ley.

⁴⁴ A small town in the north of South Australia.

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Letter from James Louis Arthur Ley to Arthur Marmaduke Hardy 25th October 1875 One small folio.

47 Latrobe St West
Melbourne
25th Oct^r 1875

My dear Arty,

It is a long time now since I heard any thing about you-~~expect~~ except that you got a new pipe which I heard from Cap^t MacLean. I saw him in the Exhibition the other day finding ~~the~~ we could not make bothig ends

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meet since my last illness my Wife started a boading House we have been unfortunately quite empty if you should ~~heard~~ hear of any one coming to Melbourne dont forget to give them one of my Wifes cards
Give my best thanks to my Uncle for the help he has given me

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I should very much like to hear news from your Mother Mable Edith & Herbert or any one who ~~ab~~ ~~wh~~ will write

I am so tired so with love

Your affec cousin

J. L. Arthur Ley

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Letter from Joanna Barr Smith to Mrs Arthur Hardy 18th October [ca.1888] One small folio.

[embossed device of knight's helm, and arm holding sword, and words TORRENS PARK]

[note in pencil by Mabel Hardy] Mrs Barr Smith to Mrs A. Hardy re H M H's⁴⁵ engagement

My dear Mrs. Hardy.

Many thanks for telling me of your dear Son's engagement. I am sure Herbert will have made no mistake. And y^r new daughter will be worthy of you. And to her one of the blessings in marrying Herbert. will be getting a good mother-in-law ever kind & unexacting.

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We feel a little bit sorry when our children marry – Its sad to take a back seat in their hearts for ever more – but it is the common lot. Nature repeating itself as History does. And therefore we poor human impotents have nothing to say. but let our children fulfil their destiny as we have fulfilled ours.

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Only I am painfully struck sometimes with what I can only call the "incompleteness" of our lives – Nothing seems rounded off – Every thing seems left. sharp, angular, unfinished, & Death comes – & all is over. Would that we c^d all feel that somewhere – elsewhere, these broken threads sh^d be wrought into the perfect "life everlasting"

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Hoping to see you all for a few minutes tomorrow – & with love to all . & a kiss to "fat Felix" – Is'nt that a good alliteration?

Ever, dear M^{rs}. Hardy

y^r attached friend

Joanna Barr Smith

Oct. 18. *[in pencil]* [Ca 1888]

⁴⁵ Herbert Mansell Hardy, Arthur Hardy's second son and Mabel Hardy's father.

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Letter from Joanna Barr Smith to Herbert Mansell Hardy 18th October [ca.1888] One small folio.

[embossed device of knight's helm, and arm holding sword, and words TORRENS PARK]

[note in pencil by Mabel Hardy] Mrs Barr Smith to H M Hardy re his engagement to M Cunningham.⁴⁶

My dear Herbert

I am very very glad to hear of y^r engagement. You are a man who will be essentially happier married – and I wonder if Miss Cunningham realizes what a good fellow she is getting for a husband? I daresay she does.

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You will doubtless have to begin life in a very simple way. but that is really the happiest way. Many a time I look back. On our poorer days. & realize that money is all we have gained. & against it I can put the loss of much far far more precious.

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With true love and perfect Faith in Each other – A man & woman can be blessed indeed & be able to do with very little money.

Always my dear Herbert. Y^r Sincere friend

Joanna Barr Smith

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⁴⁶ Miriam Isabella Cunningham

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**Letter from Catherine Hallett to her fiancé Arthur Marmaduke Hardy 27th January 1878.
Three small loose sheets with small envelope.**

Heathfield House
Sunday Jan^y 27th 1878.

My dearest Arthur,

Since last I wrote we have not been doing anything very exciting, & so will only write a short letter today – Aunt Annie is still in bed and as she is suffering from her head, we have to keep the house very quiet, it is not very lively and we can have no music, one thing is she does not mind being left alone, so we all get out for our drive. As usual on Friday afternoon I drove Mother Ella & Millie over to Port Elliot, Mother went to see Mrs Garrett & we went to post – I got your wonderful epistle – I showed them the business one, & they were very much amused, but to have carried out your idea

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of “severely proper” you ought to have put “yours sincerely.”

Your plan of the House seems very nice, but where is my “Store room with all that quantity of “Glass.” I shall want some place to put [it] I suppose you will have fire places in the bed rooms, there is nothing like plenty ventilation – I am afraid you will think my ideas are larger than you imagine but I am only suggesting & leave you to do only what is practicable. You would insist on knowing all my thoughts on these subjects so I have given them to you – to return to our drive, after Mother had paid her visit, we went down to the Hindmarsh as we had promised to pick up the boys they had been there all day boating and shooting, they got a good many birds, we met M^{rs} Laurie and she enquired most affectionately

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after my health, she said I had caused quite a sensation, I am sure I dont know, how it got about that I was ill – On Saturday morning Ella & I amused ourselves churning Butter & preparing it for making up it was such fun, & we were so successful we always intend doing it This & a few other household employments took up our morning. We find getting up early is such an improvement, we have such nice long mornings for work – We are never idle, in fact we scarcely ever find time to read & yet we are leading such a free, happy, healthy life – As soon as the boys go back to College I am going to give the children lessons every morning – Saturday afternoon we only drove to Port Elliot and back, As soon as we got home Ella & I set to work to make up the butter, taking

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it in turns to make up the[. . .] – Last evening Mother & I made up the lists for you – This morning we all drove to Church had, Mr Welch & Mr Addison, the H’s were very numerous – Blanche Wright has come down to stay with the Peacocks they are at the Port Elliot Hotel Blanche came up to me after church & before taking any notice of Mother, asked me very anxiously how I was

she said she heard I had been so very ill, I dont know what people haveng been saying about me, I am sure it is very kind of them to take so much Interest in the state of my health – The remainder of the Hawker family come down the end of this week & Nellie is to be married here next week & then Mr & Mrs Christie Bagot go to Bungaree

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Are they not lucky to have such a nice place to go to – We are having such glorious weather, sometimes quite cold it has threatened to rain several times, but always clears off there have been large fires all round, but as the wind has kept from the North, we have not been troubled by them – George writes that there are or have been very large fires at Crafers, I hope they are not uncomfortably close to the Mt. What an awful number of destructive fires there have been this season – How is it up in your part of the Country? – George desires me to thank you muchly for the Photograph – Kitty & Walter are to be down on Tuesday evening next so I will be able to write once more & receive one more letter in peace & then I must take my

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chance for the rest, if I find it troublesome I will have her told at once if not I prefer waiting until Walter goes as I am rather afraid of him and always have been I am sure I dont know why – I sent the Invoice to Mabel by yesterday morning truck, as I saw by extract from your Mothers letter, that she wished it returned as soon as possible & I knew if I sent it back to you, it would delay nearly a week – I really have no more to tell you so must say Goodbye with kind regards from the family & fondest love from myself

I remain

Ever your own Katie

I think there must be a great sameness in my letters but it really cant be avoided –

[envelope]

[orange postage stamp showing Queen Victoria's head and the words SOUTH AUSTRALIA and TWO PENCE]

[post mark] Port Elliot JA 28 78 S.A.

[added crosswise] A.M. Hardy Esq^{re}

K.29/1/78 George Town

North

[post mark on reverse] –

G P.O. ADELAIDE S.A.

8 JA 28 78

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**Letter from Catherine Hallett to her fiancé Arthur Marmaduke Hardy 28th January 1878.
Two small folios with one loose sheet and small envelope.**

[*folio 1*]

Heathfield House

Monday Jan 28th

I received your very welcome, because unexpected letter this afternoon and commence to answer it this evening As Ella & I are going to be very busy tomorrow and I shall not have very much time for writing What a dear good boy you have been to write to me so soon again you told me in the letter I received last Friday that you would not write again before Saturday so of course I did not look for a letter today – I really think I shall give up saying anything about the House, you are so changeable, I no sooner write and say I think such a plan will be very nice, than you reply

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That you have changed your mind & I have to write again and say I think the last idea better than the first, & now after your letter of today I must say that your very last idea or rather your Father's is the best of all, I had thought about the inconvenience of a detached Kitchen but did not think when I wrote about it, and I most certainly would not sleep in a house by myself, I am far too great a coward – but I think I may safely say that I shall be pleased with what ever you may finally determine on, as I have a happy knack of adapting myself to anything I have looked over your letter several times and I must say I cannot find very much to answer in it, so you will

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have to be content with my usual sort of diary letter, but really unless I was to tell you everything as it happens, I should never fill a respectable amount of pages so I hope you dont get very tired of the sameness of our daily life – Miss Bells letter may have been rather amusing & I expect there was a good deal of stale news in it, I was sorry we did not see more of her while she was here, but I was so wretchedly unwell I could not get about much, but am so thankful to be able to say I am feeling so different now, I wish I could say the same of Aunt Annie she has got back into her old weak nervous state, it is really dreadful She seemed wonderfully better yesterday morning & then all of a sudden in the afternoon she

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gave way & said she was so fearfully weak she could not sit up & could not do this, that, & the next thing & every thing we did for her was wrong, I was really quite in a temper about it last night, of course not before her or we should have had fine scenes, but I could not go & say Good night to her for fear I should let out, It does seem so hard after all the dear Mother has gone through that she should have this worry again, I have begged of her not to mind but still it does worry her to a certain extent though not so much as formerly, & I am so afraid of her getting knocked up again just as she is beginning to brighten up, & I do feel so happy when I see her so much better but still we must hope for the best, it is not my nature to look

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much at the gloomy side of things Today the Aunt seems to be a little better, perhaps because Mother gave her a talking to this morning, I only paid her two short visits today once this morning & again this after noon evening, I went up after tea to get her tray I would not ask her how she was because I knew what her answer would be & I was quite surprised when she asked me if I had had a letter & [?] a few other questions, for this afternoon she told Mother that she was too weak to talk, there's a long story about an unpleasant [...] subject, & of course this \is/ only between you & I This morning I was very busy putting things in order, for although people coming in say our house is always like a new pin, but I always find plenty to put straight – This afternoon Mother

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Ella & I went to call on the Peacocks & Blanche Wright, we found them in & paid quite a long visit I had the eldest Miss Peacock to talk to & found her very chatty & agreeable in fact we talked so much that I was quite hoarse when I came away, we then went to the post & I got your letter, then on to the Stows with flowers, they were all out, but we afterwards met the Judge⁴⁷ in the township he is looking so much better & was walking quite briskly We think the air here agrees with him – We then called at the Hawkers & saw Mary & Mrs Hamilton, I think Mary looks very ill, we paid a very long visit much to Charlie's disgust as he had to wait outside On our return home we found Mr Howell [?] & Miss Laurie had called, Miss Laurie is to be

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married immediately to a Mr Smythe, I dont know who he is The other daughter Georgie is to be married to a Mr Meredith – The Stows have insisted Ella & I to go to the Hindmarsh on Wednesday I do not know yet we will go or not. Most likely go & then I shall have some more news for you – Our boys & Reg Stow are going Duck shooting at 12 o'clock tonight, are they not infatuated, Reg came to tea & they went to bed very early & we are to wake them up when we go to bed & that will be soon as it is now past ten, they intend amusing themselves making Cartridges till 12 & then start so as to arrive at the lagoon when the Moon rises at one, I hope they will be successful. I must now say good bye my darling, for tonight & will add to this before Post time tomorrow --

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Tuesday afternoon – It is a very good thing for you that I wrote most of this letter last night, for I have not very much time before we go to the Post This morning Ella & I have been so busy, we never sat down from Breakfast until dinner, We began by arranging the Flowers & then went to the Kitchen to make Cakes, a thing we have not done for many a long day for the Cook we used to have was such a stupid, if any one went near the Kitchen she could not do her work, but the girl we have now does not mind how much we are there, so we will be able to do lots of little

⁴⁷ Randolph Isham Stow (1828-1878) was a Judge of the Supreme Court in South Australia. He had previously been Attorney General. He died later in the year. Reginald Stow was his youngest son.

things & I rather like cooking when I have not too much of it I am sorry to say Mother has a horrid headache today. I

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believe Aunt Annie is at the bottom of it, so you can imagine how amiable I feel towards her, Ella has taken her in hand now & spoke out a little to her last night, but it has not had the affect of making her get up, I am sure I dont know how long she intends remaining in bed last night she said to Ella that she must always have her door shut about tea time, as the evening air was too much for her, that does not look as if she had any intention of getting up again – The boys did not return until eight this morning & only brought home a few small birds they did not see a duck all the time they were out, rather agravating – It is quite warm here today so I expect it is rather unpleasantly in Adelaide, the Goalens come to night so they will have a

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warm journey – Business seems to be flourishing with you & I am sure it is very satisfactory especially as you are to be burdened with an extravagant wife I must now say Adieu as I have to write to George on business With kind regards from all & fond love from myself
I remain
Ever your own Katie

[*envelope*]

[*orange postage stamp showing Queen Victoria's head and the words SOUTH AUSTRALIA and TWO PENCE*]

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Port Elliott S.A.

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A.M. Hardy Esq^{re}

[*added crosswise*] George Town

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GEORGE TOWN S.A. JA31 78

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**Letter from Catherine Hallett to her fiancé Arthur Marmaduke Hardy 31st March [1878].
Three small folios all with heavy black borders, and a small black bordered envelope.**

[*Folio 1*]

Heathfield House
Sunday March 31st

I was rewarded on Friday by receiving four letters and a parcel, it was a very wet, windy day so I was obliged to wait till we got home before I could open any of them. We had started rather early & as it commenced to rain very hard just as we left the house we did not have a pleasant drive We left mother & Auntie in the township, and

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then took a short drive up the Valley road, until Post time, we had the ponies again, but they do not enjoy the bad roads of Port Elliott – After going to the Post, we returned home, & then I opened my letters, of course there was your always welcome letter – a very nice note from Mr Cockburn saying that he had ordered Steiner to send us a Claret Jug, which I suppose went to the Mount all right, but I have not heard a word about all those presents yet – then there was a letter from Kitty asking me what I would like for a present

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she does not want to get any thing that we have got already so wrote to me, but until I hear from the Mount I can give her no idea, so I wrote to Mabel that night, & hope to have an answer tomorrow, And last but certainly not least a very nice note from Steiner begging my acceptance of the accompanying present which turned out to be, when I got to the end of its numerous wrappings, a very handsome pair of Gold Solitaires with a Sphinx in the centre – I answered both his & Mr Cockburns \notes/ that evening – I thought if you were in town last Monday that you would very likely go

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to the opening of the new theatre what a grand sight it must have been – I am so afraid dear that you are overworking yourself I hear that you are looking pale & thin, it is my turn to be anxious about you, do take more care of yourself, I daresay the rest you are so soon to have will soon set you up again – You did not mention in your letter what day you are coming down, but suppose as I am to address to King William Street that it must be Monday or Tuesday. How is it that you can manage to be absent from George Town so long – I think it will be much nicer if we can go to Aldinga instead of Willunga as Mother says it is much quieter and it is not very far from the sea

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2) I fancy we shall have very cold weather for our trip but do not mind that if it is only fine – I shall certainly not object to your growing more spooney about me, As I like to know & feel that your love for me increases for I want you to love me as much as I do you & even more if that is possible – As for not feeling so nervous about the 16th when you are with me, I am not so sure I think I am likely to feel a great deal more nervous. At present I dont know exactly what my feelings are sometimes I think I shall not be so very nervous and other times I think I

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shall nearly die with fright Mother had a letter from Fred yesterday, they will not be down as Fred is doubtful of getting away from his work & they do not care for the long journey for so short a time, so after all we shall have the quiet little wedding Mother wished – We went for a drive to Goolwa yesterday, first going to Port Elliot where we left the children they went to see Mary Hawker and have not turned up yet Mary sent over last night to say they had kept them & would walk over with them today so I am expecting them every minute – It was so awfully cold coming back from Goolwa yesterday it was like the middle of winter, today is also very cold, & there is a little

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rain now & again, but Mother Ella & I walked to Church this morning, it was only the lay reader but we do not care to miss Church if we can help it, besides I have only one more Sunday to go to Church here, & I have not been very often this Summer – Fancy the end of March already, we have been here three whole months and it only seems a few weeks – Mother will be awfully sorry to exchange the quiet of this place for town, but for the sake of her boys she must put aside her own feelings – once she is back in town there will be an end of all quiet It is such a relief to me to see her keeping so well & I earnestly trust she will continue to do so – I will not close this letter until this evening as perhaps if the Hawkers

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come I may have a little more news for you – Sunday Evening I have not very much to add after all – The two Hawkers came over about ½ past four & stayed till nearly six, and how we did talk, nearly all about my wedding & future home, they were most amusing in their remarks, & after a cup of tea they requested to see my Trousseau, so I marched them off to my showroom & displayed my things they were in raptures over everything especially Aunt Annie's work, & it is really beautiful, she has made & given me various little ~~end~~ odds/ & ends, such as lace collars neckties Handkercheifs etc – she has done a good deal of work

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3) for me one way & another and I am properly grateful so that in some ways she has improved very much with her five years absence for formerly she would not do a stitch of work for any of us – Ella & I walked back with the girls as far as the end of the third paddock & as we talked hard all the way & walked back very quickly, I feel rather tired & besides I have a slight inclination to a neuralgic headache, but I trust it will

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go off without getting as bad as the one I had when you were with me; I do dread them so when there is a tendency to the nerves being affected, they are always so much worse when the nerves are affected – but there is not much need to tell you this, for I am sure you had a benefit that night – My engagement ring has been very much admired – I very nearly took it off the other day I was cleaning out one of the outside storerooms & fingering a quantity of very dirty things & I thought it seemed such a pity to be working with two good rings on so

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I slipped them half way down my finger & then my heart failed me & I could not let them go any further so I worked away with them on. Somehow I felt as if it would not be the same if I once took it off, of course this was very silly & romantic but I could not help it, I did feel so strange when I felt it coming off – I think it would not be a bad plan for you to bring down a pack of cards when you come down as we may want something to amuse ourselves with in an evening while we are scampering about

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the Country, there is a cribbage board here that we might take and an interesting book would not be amiss, what do you think about it – I must now draw this untidy scrawl to an end as my news is also at an end Good night dearest Arthur & do take care of yourself for my sake –With kind regards from all & fondest love from myself

I remain

Ever your own

Katie

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[post mark over stamp] –78

S.A.

[two orange postage stamps showing Queen Victoria's head and the words SOUTH AUSTRALIA and TWO PENCE]

[post mark over stamp] – ELLIOTT 8

A. M. Hardy Esq^{re}

~~94 King William Street~~

Adelaide

[added crosswise] George Town

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GEORGE TOWN S.A. JA31 78

[post mark] – G. P.O. ADELAIDE S.A. 7 AP 1

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Letter from Arthur Marmaduke Hardy to his wife Catherine Hardy from the Steamship Paramatta 5th April 1881. Seven small folios, all of which have the monogram AMH as a letterhead, as does the envelope.

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S. S. Paramatta

5th April /83

My dear Kate

When I got on board last night I had only just time to scribble a line to Herbert about the Boronias as the vessel was leaving and give it to the agent to take.

I bought the plants from a man named Webb and he promised to write you full details of how to manage them so I did not take very particular notice of what he said but in case he omits to mention it in his letter he told me it was just about the right

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time to plant the seeds and that they ought to be soaked in moderately warm water – not boiling of course for a while – and then kept for two days before being sown – He also said the plants should be protected from cutting cold winds so I should think during the winter months the best plan would be to stand them in the old fowl yard or under the cedar tree until the winter begins and then put the box in the coal shed

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There are 5 sorts and they must be left as they are until after they have flowered and they should be kept moist by watering once a week but do not let them be continually getting wetted –

The various seeds sent are some Boronias and some handsome creepers which you can raise in pots.

Have the pots carefully marked so as to know which are which and keep a little of the seed in their original packets to try with again next year if this years experiments are a failure – I thought Albany a

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pretty place but it is not much larger than Victor Harbour and about as much behind the world – I went into 3 large stores to try and get some hooks for my cabin & a ball of string and could get neither – ultimately I found a carpenters shop and after much rummaging about I got a few hooks and the string and bought all he had so that now Albany is destitute of hooks or string – I also wanted a small clothes line and there were only 4 left in the place and an old woman who followed me from store to store trying to buy some white sugar

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had to ultimately content herself with brown there being no white sugar in the City – The people there did not seem to think much of Sir W. Robinson⁴⁸ whom they described as being silly and very mean but I don't think they were very well qualified to be good judges so did not place much reliance on their statements –

We have had a very calm day and are now well round the Leuwin and steering for Colombo –
We

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have been in sight of land all yesterday and today –

The coast is mostly picturesque being bold and rocky but it is evidently very poor country at any rate along the coast being very sandy and covered with dense scrub – There is a large amount of musical talent on board so we get plenty of music and singing every evening – An

Amusement Committee has also been formed and we are to have a Concert on Monday and Tableaux Theatricals &c to follow and probably a Fancy

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dress ball – The Peacocks & Simsons (a Geelong family and very pleasant) have tea every afternoon to which I go and I have found out that two of the passengers – Capt ~~Bower~~ Bowyear/ and Miss Seegar were fellow passengers of your Mother & Ella in the Orient – There are so many passengers that it takes some little time to make their acquaintance but I have no doubt I shall find others who know mutual acquaintances – The Cricketers are all very pleasant and we have many mutual friends both in England & Australia

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we are now (7th) in the trades and making good progress – We hear we are not to call at either Aden or Gibraltar which is rather disapointing – I write this by snatches whenever I think of anything to say but I will stick a date in here and there as I go so as to make it a little more intelligible to you – We expect to meet the Rosetta tomorrow but we shall not be able to put letters on board her which will make a months difference in the time when you will receive this – However it can't be helped so must be endured –

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Today (8th.) being Sunday I have been calculating what time here corresponded with Adelaide time and found that as we were sitting down to dinner at 6. p.m. you were probably at supper at ¼ past 8 so I drank your very good health and dear Mary's and shall do the same every Sunday – The difference in time between Adelaide & London is about 9 hours 16 minutes so when we are at breakfast at say 9. a.m it will be about ¼ past 6 p.m. with you and you may reckon

⁴⁸ Sir William Cleaver Francis Robinson (1834-1897) was three times Governor of Western Australia/

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that at that time we are simultaneously thinking of one another – We met the Rosetta today just after lunch and passed so close that we could distinguish the people with our glasses and it did seem so hard we could not put these letters on board but you will have had our letters from the Sound by her and then a months gap before this reaches you – we expect to reach Colombo on 16th inst and

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have all Monday & Tuesday there and to reach London on Monday 14th May and you ought to see our arrival telegraphed about the 17th or 18th in the Register – We are having such glorious weather just now – pleasant sun – smooth water – fair wind and cool nights – The chocolate creams are keeping very fresh and are much appreciated –
15th

My letter writing has broken down for a week as it has been too hot to write – the weather has been most oppressive and we had a most unfortunate detention of

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38 hours from 2 p.m on Wednesday until 9. p. m. on Thursday owing to a breakdown in the machinery It is nothing dangerous but will prevent our making pace so we shall have a long passage most probably The cause of the stoppage was a fracture in the casing of the steam jacket which allowed a large quantity of steam to escape without doing its work and after a lot of trouble a piece of iron

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was rivetted over the crack and we got away again but all that time it was almost a dead calm and their being no air we were nearly stifled – besides the heat was so muggy and was very much aggravated by heavy showers of rain which made the cabins close beyond description – many of the passengers were made quite ill by it and some

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of the children have been very bad – The Boults child has been very ill all the way and I am very doubtful whether it will pull through but trust for the best – We cannot get the damage properly repaired until the steamer reaches England so are bound to go slower than usual but luckily there is not much pressure on the broken part so there is no danger – we have been disapointed all

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along at the steamers progress and it is evident she is not a fast boat – she is however very steady which is a great compensation to many of the passengers and is fairly comfortable but in

many of the details I must say I think she is behind the age instead of in advance of other steamers lately built – her bath rooms for instance are too few and are smaller than usual and only two have steam laid onto them so that the rush in the morning is tremendous and many

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of us have had to abandon our morning bath altogether (which is a very great grievance in this hot weather) and take our chance of a bath in the afternoon – then again the saloon is so atrociously badly lit with oil lamps that one either has to eat ones dinner without being able to see across the saloon or turn up the lamps and have the whole place reeking with smoke from them ~~which~~ and when the punkahs⁴⁹ are going all

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the lamps smoke horribly –

The cooking too is very uncertain – there are two French cooks and every now and then we get a dish deliciously cooked but most of the things are so smothered in salt as to be uneatable and all our remonstrances are quite unavailing – all the lemons on board and all the limejuice were exhausted on the second warm day so we can get no lemon squashes

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or acid drinks of any sort – there are not enough tumblers to go round nor enough glasses for ices – the butter is very bad and never iced – in fact the only use we seem to get from the refrigerator is that we get ices occasionally – not every day as they did on the way out – and our beer & wines are cooled if we remember to especially order them – All this is not at all as it should be and though passengers

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are notoriously grumblers yet I do think that in this instance they have grounds for complaining because the faults are principally caused by carelessness and inattention to details – I am careful not to complain about anything so don't let my remarks go abroad – of course Herbert & George & Issie can see them if you like – We have had some capital entertainments and a small dance – we have also got a good paper started but as Miss Peacock is writing full particulars of

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the passengers and entertainments to Mabel you had better get her letter – The passengers have not been very sociable so far but it is hard to say exactly whose fault it is – the girls have hung together in such a gang – generally 8 to 11 in a row that men have been shy of going up & picking out one from among so many – and the men are so addicted to whist – especially the Cricketers that they have taken very little notice of the girls – I have been 15 days on board now and have not

⁴⁹ A type of fan.

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touched a card yet, and have devoted myself to the ladies almost entirely – with the exception that I have got up a Calcutta Sweep each day on the distance run which has occupied some portion of my time and has given general satisfaction I believe – I have paid my expenses so far having won a share in the 1st prize one day – The subscription is only 2/- each but the prizes each day range from £2. to £19 – which makes a good haul

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Colombo

18th April

We arrived here last night and have had all day ashore and will have part of tomorrow so I must just close up this letter with some account of Colombo –

If today is a fair specimen of its climate then I must say it is horrible for it has been muggy beyond description but it is a most interesting place – The vegetation is most luxurious and beautiful and the whole place very picturesque –

At Nearly all the native population wear

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nothing beyond a small waistcloth and it was rather amusing to see how shocked all the girls seemed when they first came on deck to find themselves surrounded by crowds of these people in the garb of Adam all urging them to buy things and how they all got quite used to it in about half an hour – I got the China silk for your sisters but I cannot find anything I care for to give your brother or the boys so must await another opportunity – Tell Herbert I saw Lindop [?] who was very civil – drove me all

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about the place &c and told me the men he brought back had all been severely punished and he himself had not had anything said to him about the escapees at Melbourne – Also that the prices here of ivory elephants are from 10/- to £10 each and of the ebony ones from 1/- to 20s/- this will give him a clue if he writes for to/ me to bring any back – The hotel here is most comfortable and very well managed and is a very busy place all day – Most of the principal shops

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are in a colonnade under the hotel and so are very accessible.

I shall now stop dear as it is very late and wishing you and dear Mary all love and happiness and with love to all next door and at the Mount

I remain your affectionate husband

Arthur. M Hardy

Mrs. A. M. Hardy

Barnard S^t

N. Adelaide
S. Australia
P. S. Please keep my letters &

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when I return we can go through them again and then I shall be able to remember more details to tell you than I can write – Did I mention that I did not forget our wedding day and had some champagne to drink your health at the hour which corresponded with 7.p m with you when I thought you might possibly be thinking of me – The accompanying trinket can be altered if you think it is too much of a brooch but I don't think it is – They are Cheetah claws – a species of panther –

[envelope]

[pink postage stamp showing Queen Victoria's head and the words CEYLON POSTAGE FORTY EIGHT CENTS]

Per P&O Steamer

M^{rs} A. M. Hardy

Barnard Street

N. Adelaide

South Australia

[written crosswise across left] Answered Victor Harbour

[post mark] COLOMBO AP 19 83

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Letter from Arthur Marmaduke Hardy to his wife Catherine Hardy from the Steamship Paramatta 24th April 1883. Three small folios, all of which have the monogram AMH as a letterhead, as does the envelope.

[*folio 1*]

S. S. Paramatta
24th. April 1883..

My dear Kate

I sent you a scribble from Colombo and after 36 hours broiling in the muggy heat there we started again and expect to reach Aden the day after tomorrow – We have had extremely hot weather and the cabins at night are like camp ovens –
It is not so much that the thermometer goes very high but it is so muggy that one lives in

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an unceasing bath of perspiration – Some of the ladies have been sleeping on deck but not many – We are having a most extraordinary calm passage – since three days after leaving the Sound we have scarcely seen a wave a foot high and for days together we have had glassy calms – we wish it were rougher because there would be more air – the stewards have felt the heat very badly

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and numbers of them have been laid up – I was very much interested in Colombo which is very pretty and looked very bright and green – some of the passengers went to Kandy and some saw Arabi but as I was anxious to buy those dresses for your sisters I did not leave the town – The native population are very interesting and peculiar & their conjuring tricks without any apparatus are very clever – there were always some performing on the steps under the porch of

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the hotel – it is also a pretty sight to watch the catamarans dodging about the harbour – they look most frail craft but I went in them several times and found them very comfortable – I am busily educating myself up to liking mangoes shaddock grindals and other native fruits and vegetables with varying success – I bought several suits of white cotton for use on my return in summer time at 12/ – per suit of coat &

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2 trousers – They button close up to the neck so that I only wear a flannel jersey under them – I have Herberts measure and can get him some on my return if he wants them and will get some for George also if he sends his measure – I think of getting some suits made in England of the same pattern but of white and grey flannel material as I think the flannel will be more

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comfortable as it absorbs the perspiration – I am not keeping any memoranda of my letters to you so if they act on my suggestions at any time they must send full particulars of what they require – These things get dirty very quickly on board but two suits a week ought to be sufficient on shore –

Our 4 o'clock tea parties every day are a great institution and make a very agreeable break

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in the afternoon – I shall send this from Aden so that you may not have a mail without a letter but there is less than a week's interval and the next letters from Suez will only contain about 4 days news as we just manage to miss the outgoing mail at each point by about 24 hours – the letters after that again will be 4 days only & will be posted from Malta but if we reach London punctually we shall just be able to post via Brindisi on

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18th. May and then those letters will catch up the Malta letters at Alexandria and both will reach you at once – 26th

We are just going into Aden andas it is just dusk & we shall be away before morning we are going on shore and will post this letter but shall have no chance of adding any remarks about Aden –

Tomorrow we shall enter the Red Sea and are all trusting we may have a head wind so as to relieve the heat

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3 to some extent – We were in sight of Cape Guardafui yesterday where the ranges are bold but most sandy sterile looking country –

We had some capital theatricals last night in which Miss Lily Peacock took part and acted very well indeed and looked very pretty – I must now conclude so trusting you are all well and with lots of love & kisses for Mary & yourself believe me always

yrs affectionately

Arthur. M. Hardy

Mrs A. M. Hardy

North Adelaide. S. A.

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[envelope]

Per P&O Steamer

M^{rs} A. M. Hardy

Barnard Street

N. Adelaide

South Australia

[written crosswise across left] Answered Victor Harbour

[stamp]

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Letter from Arthur Marmaduke Hardy to his wife Catherine Hardy from 8 Dawson Place, Bayswater, London. Seven small folios.

[*folio 1*]

8. Dawson Place

Bayswater

16th June /83

My dear Kate/

I had only posted my last letter yesterday about 2 hours when your letter per Saqhaben of 4th May arrived & it was rather annoying to think that 3 hours earlier in its arrival would have enabled me to answer it a fortnight earlier.

I am very concerned at your news about dear little Mary as it is so easy for children to contract hip diseases and though you speak of her being so much better for her week in bed yet I am awaiting your next letter with great anxiety – I am so glad you have been so carefull with her for our little treasure is far too

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important an item in the happiness of our own life to run any risk with or neglect any precautions – is she not – dear?

I am glad to hear Maria is better again and am sorry Pat has left as I had meant to take him into the house on my return and make him more useful – I find in England that all clothes for instance are brushed by the housemaids as a matter of course and as part of their ordinary routine though I could never get you to ask your servants to do so and I meant to change all that on my return and thought of getting a boy who could do those things and answer the door and help

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wait at table – I meant to teach Pat all this but hope to get a substitute for him on my return – Charley is going to join Alec Rennies in India to learn Indigo Planting and will probably accompany me in the “Thames” as far as Colombo – this will be very pleasant for both if we can arrange it – Harvey is in clover just now as Lady Hastings & Miss H. have come to Town and are living close to us – I was sorry but not surprised to hear of George Farr’s colapse – as you say so much for the cream ponies [?] – we ourselves would probably by now have been in the same plight if we had attempted to run before we could walk but I hope

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next year if things go well we may be able to afford you some form of carriage a la Harrolds & Boults – We went today to see Toole in The Waterman when Luis [?] Reeves took a part and sang several songs – I liked the Bay of Biscay best – Madame Amadi’s two songs were charming – Cherry Ripe & Wapping Old Stairs. Her feeling in the latter was very intense – They then played Ici on parle Francais very well – I sent Capt. Carter today an extract from yr letter of

4th May of what you had told Charley & pointed out that you were already talking to Charley in just the style in which I wrote to you last mail (yesterday) – Did I mention that I had read all that portion to Capt. Carter which refers to Charley except my criticisms on his personal behaviour – This evening I have

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2 been writing a number of letters – Sunday 17th I paid sundry visits and had tea with the Milnes where I met M^{rs} Tom Giles & Geo Tomkinson who has grown into a fine fellow – He expects to return next year to Adelaide

Amongst other calls I went to see my cousin Annie (Herbert Taylors wife) and saw her son Geoffrey & daughter Nellie from whom I received a most extraordinary reception the details of which I will keep for the present – Monday 18th I had Herbert's letter of 9th May & was very sorry to hear he was seedy – In the afternoon I met Genl Sir Orpheur Cavanagh brother of Wentworth Cavanagh at his Club The United Services and had a business chat with him and on my return I found M^r. Hawkes calling on me – He stayed so long that we had a great rush to dress & then went after dinner

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with your Mother & the 3 girls to the Lyceum and saw The Lyons Mail in which Irving sustains two parts in a splendid manner – His acting is very fine and he was well supported by Ellen Terry – whose photos I sent to Sharp from his sister – and who is very attractive & also by a man named Mead – Tuesday 19th I had my photo taken and hope to send you a copy by this post – Then I got your & Father's letters of 9th May and was so glad to hear Mary is all right again – your next letter (from Victor Harbour) will I hope tell of your receipt of my letters from Colombo and that you are all having a very good time at Victor Harbour and

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rapidly gaining strength – In the morning Ella & I bought the flower seeds for Fathers garden & I daresay they can spare a few for you – By the way in ordering in future I was asked to quote the year of the catalogue as the numbers are continually altered – The bulbs will not be obtainable until September so must come later – We also bought Mothers linen & our Bath Towels – Then I went to lunch with M^r Hawkes at the Empire Club where I am down as an Hon Member for a month and then he insisted on presenting me with tickets for the Colonial Institutes Converzatione next Thursday for myself & yr brother & the girls & would not hear of

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my paying for them so I went & arranged to postpone our intended visit to the "Danischeffs"⁵⁰ for the present –

On my way back I saw a crowd collecting in Piccadilly at the Institute of Water Painters & having ascertained from a policeman that the Prince & Princess of Wales were expected I waited and by a lucky incident I had a capital view of both & of their children for the first brougham with the

⁵⁰ The Danischeffs' was a comedy, called a farce.

gentlemen in waiting pulled up rather too suddenly & the road being slippery one of the horse slipped down on its side (a very\common/ sight in London Streets) and blocked up the porch & before it could be got up again

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3 the second brougham drove up & stopped just where I was and the crowd was so thick that we who were in front could only squeeze back about a foot from the curb and the Royal party had only that width of pavement to walk on and so brushed against each of us as they went by – The Prince is not nearly so stout as I had supposed from his pictures & the Princess look pretty but was a trifle flurried by the incident. Her 3 daughters were with her – They were fair & plain but may improve when they grow up –

In the evening we went to Fedora at the Haymarket and was very charmed with it – I thought Mrs. Bernard Beere acted very well & wonder she is not better

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known – The Bancrofts are most amusing – I had letters from Emily and Edith asking me to see them and saying they had heard nothing of Wentworth for a long time – On 20th Ella and I were shopping all morning and in the evening I dined with Ward at the Holborn and went to see Stage Dora which is a parody on Fedora and was a most laughable caricature of the Bancrofts and contained some good puns – On 21st we shopped again and then Lady Hastings and Cissie came to lunch & stayed until 5

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I like Cissie and think she will make Harry a good wife

In the afternoon I met Mr L. Reid & Dick Colley in the Burlington Arcade and was going to see the Four in Hand meet in the Park but it came on to rain so I came home & after dinner your Mother Ella Annie & I went to the Colonial Converzatione at Kensington Museum There was a great crush – over 2900 people being there and the line of carriages on arrival was more than a mile long

I hardly expected to see anyone I knew in such a crowd but Ella & I started off together & found ourselves continually running

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against acquaintances – Amongst others we met Lady Hanson & her daughters Maude & Ella the latter of whom was quite genial for at least 5 minutes – M^r & M^{rs}. Tinline – J. [... ...] M^r & M^{rs} Ross Reid – M^{rs}. & Miss Gavin Young – Percy Prankerd – Peacocks – M^r Hawkes & his wife & his sister Miss Hawkes and Anthony Forster – the latter was looking so well and hale and wants me to go & see him at Clovelly but I am doubtful if I shall be able to manage it – M^{rs} Hawkes is a most fascinating woman & one would have thought could have married anyone instead of so old a man – they talk

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4. of visiting Adelaide next Winter arriving there about May – if they do we shall have to entertain them and I am sure you will like her –

On 22nd we shopped again and in the afternoon I called on the Peacocks and on Lady Musgrave but did not find them in – I then called on M^{rs} Hawkes to say goodbye as they are leaving Town and met her sister there – Miss [...] In the evening Cissie dined with us and we all went to St. James Theatre and saw the Kendals in Impulse” This is a most ludicrous performance & I hope to see it and Fedora again – On 23rd I moved my things round to lodgings at

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8. Garway Road being the room Arnold Young had vacated that [...] and gone to Cheltenham – In the evening D^r K. Barton dined with us and we had a very merry Evening – Your Mother has been most kind to me all the time I have been here and I was very pleased at her asking Barton to dine –

On Tuesday I went with Harry to call on Lady Hastings and met her husband with Major Keen – We all went into Kensington Gardens Lady H. going in a bath chair and having got chairs near the Lake enjoyed watching

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the people – She and I took advantage of the others being a little distance off to have a chat about Harry & Cissie and she told me all about Cissies prospects – She wants Harry to take a country place and settle down and get your Mother & the girls to live with him for some time previous to their marriage which she speaks of allowing next June It seems that Cornish the boys ex tutor has been spreading reports which have annoyed Lady H. who thinks him very ungrateful to Harry saying Cissie is going to marry a common farmer &c and

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Lady H wants Harry to have a property which shall prove the inaccuracy of these reports so it is proposed he shall rent a place and he is now looking out for one –

I strongly urged her not to ask Harry to withdraw his money from Adelaide where he gets good interest for the sake of buying land in England and she said she would not at present but thought in 2 or 3 years time of buying a place and giving him the money to make up with his own the purchase money and so found

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5 a family Estate for himself and that the loss if interest would be of no consequence as Cissie would have enough for both – She will have £500 a year at first and after Lady. H. dies will have £1200 a year – I told her that I thought the fact of Cissie having so much was the greatest objection I saw to the match as I was sure Harry would not like to feel he was living on his wife which seemed to be a view of the case which had not struck her before – On the whole I think I did their cause some service and Cissie seemed very charmed at

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the way I got on with Lady H. who finally asked me down to Faulklands saying she included me in the family.

Thence I went on to the Whites to supper and found they had had bad news again from Syd who had had another relapse and was very ill again His sister Grace had gone over to him as D^r. Richards did not wish his daughter Jessie to be away from the home any longer and this was fretting Syd a good deal – Uncle Bonamy was at supper there and was as talkative as usual – In the Evening I had heavy rain on the way home –

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Kimbolton 28th June –

I came here on Monday 25th and found all very well – Aunt & Cissie [?] & Harry were at Buxton but returned next day – I found Mabel Hallett had had a son – their first since I was there and is not yet up but I expect to see her tomorrow – I am going to send this off today as it is never safe to leave letters to the last post in these country places – Yesterday Harvey Hallett & I took the 3 girls to Huntingdon boating and had great fun –

In the afternoon it came on to rain very heavily so we invaded a pastry cooks shop

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and having eaten enough rubbish to make ourselves ill for a week – jolly good French confectionery chocolate cake &c the old woman had cakes &c too! we amused ourselves tempting small boys into the shop by offers of tarts and had a great deal of fun out of it – This morning I had a letter from Capt Carter enclosing one from Charley saying his health “still continues very feeble” which of course I know is untrue – What an ass he is to put such rubbish onto paper! – and talking of going on the stage with Wybert Reeves – That I am sure his

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6 Father will not object to if he will only work but I fancy the stage would prove far too hard work for Master Charleys disposition. He also remarks that it seems strange that when every one seems to have treated him so kindly they should not between them be able to get him a billet – It is altogether a most silly letter: for instance he says he is trying to solve the question how to live on £94 per Ann when he is in the cheapest lodgings he can get costing 30/- [?] a week or £64 (!) a year leaving him only £34 per Ann to defray all other expenses – Even without the aid of your invaluable ready reckoner I daresay you will notice that

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30/- a week is not £14 per ann nor does £64 deducted from £94 leave £34 can't you old woman – and is not it stupid of him to write such rubbish to his father who is not such a fool as to be taken in by it – He says also he has taken to heavy reading to while away the long weary hours which he spends in his bedroom so as to keep from incurring any expenses by stirring out of his lodgings

There is a lot more similar rubbish which I shall not bother to quote – Though he talks of 30/- a week being his present outlay for quarters I suppose I

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may assume that he is still at Mrs. Warburtons – I received today the proofs of 3 photos and send same – the 4th. a vignette carte [...] I will enclose if it reaches me in time and I will send this letter to day and I will keep my business letter of memoranda as to purchases &c until tomorrow on the chance of the photo – for which I have telegraphed – turning up because it does not matter whether that letter goes this mail or not [?] as in either case it will reach you before the box does –

I think all the photos are good but prefer the light cabinet to the dark one – It is now

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settled that Charley goes to India and accompanies me in the Thames as far as Colombo. Elder has been so good to me giving up every morning last week to shopping and I am sure you will like our selections which ought to last us for many years – As my letter of 18th May must have reached you last Monday I am hourly awaiting telegram from Father [...] £400 and shall [?] be extremely disapointed if he does not send it –

All the family here are great fun and the girls are very lively and keep me

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I continually on the trot – We are having nasty thundery weather just now and as that is rather head ackey I shall stop now so give my fondest love to dear little Mary and lots of kisses from Papa and with best love to yourself dearest believe me always yours affectionately
Arthur. M. Hardy

[envelope address printed in italics]

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Letter from Arthur Marmaduke Hardy to his wife Catherine Hardy from the Channel Isles and London. 15th July 1883. Seven small folios.

Sark.

Sunday 15th July /83

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My dear Kate

I had such a rush on Wednesday to get my letters off and Ella was at the door with a cab to come over to the Station before I had finished them – we left Paddington at 5.45 and reached Weymouth at 10.45 after a pleasant journey Then we crossed in the Aquila and the others went below & turned in but I coiled down in a rug on a covered seat on deck and slept six hours without moving – it was fairly rough for a small boat 183 tons and that makes one sleep well – We landed at Guernsey at 8. a. m and went

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to Gardiner's Old Government House Hotel which is very comfortable and prettily situated overlooking the Bay.

Then it began to rain and rained steadily all day so that we practically lost all that day which was a nuisance –

However I called on Dr. E. K. Corbin – whose Father will be known to Mother – to whom Kingston Barton had given me a letter and went to the Club but found my name was not down in spite of promises but I went up ~~later~~ later in the afternoon with Corbin and found M^r J Le Mottee⁵¹ had put me down so that was soon put right – On Friday

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we all drove round the Island and had a most enjoyable day – yesterday we came over here and return tomorrow – In Guernsey we have seen M^r & M^{rs} Alfred Mansell and Emma Mansell and M^{rs} née Le Mottée – Your people were charmed with the Island and we had a most pleasant drive round – There is an American family staying at the Hotel named Schenck who are very pleasant and a Miss Saururary [?] Brock was also there who has come on to Sark to get some painting. She introduced us to her cousin Saururary [?] du Cocq – This place is beautifully situated and the coast scenery is very fine

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With £300 a year here one would live on the best of everything and be regular princes in the land – Are you inclined to migrate? I would not mind but the difficulty would be to find occupation – The Hotel is on the side of the valley with the garden below like the situation of Anama⁵² only

⁵¹ Arthur Hardy, Arthur Marmaduke Hardy's father, always spelled this name 'La Mottée in his diary.

⁵² Anama is a locality on the South Island of New Zealand.

the valley is deeper and full of large trees and last night during a heavy shower we had a most magnificent Lunar Rainbow which lasted fully a quarter of an hour – The whole scene rather reminded me of the thunderstorm we had at Anama – do you remember it? only this was a soft moonlight effect instead of lightning –
All the others had gone to

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2 bed just before and I was just having a peaceful pipe before turning in when I saw the rainbow so I roused them all up to look at it – Yesterday after we landed and walked up the beautiful lane from the little harbour we went over little Sark making your Mother walk more than she has for many a day and while out a heavy shower came on and we got rather wet coming back as we had to force our way through the tall bracken which had overgrown the path and which the shower had made very wet – In the evening we did nothing – We inspected the old silver mines & crossed the curious Coopee⁵³ or natural bridge which connects Sark & Little Sark – Today was showery so in the morning I went down to Dixcart Bay with a man

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named Turner a medical student whose brother was at Marlborough and who knew Frank Fisher – He is staying here and makes a capital companion – In the afternoon we went up to the Seigneurie and had afternoon tea with the Collings' – they were very pleasant – he is a nervous shy delicate looking man and she is Canadian by birth – The house is very prettily situated in a dense grove of timber most of which has been planted since Mother left and has lovely gardens –
The Turkey Ivy is very pretty and trains well over arches and the fig trees are trained over a framework of wood so as to make a dense shade about 6 ft from the ground –

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This would be a capital plan for Australia – The best place to plant a \fig/ tree if it can be arranged is by a pigstye as that manure suits it better than any other – The garden is divided off by rows of evergreen oaks which are cut into dense hedges so as to keep off the wind – this seems the great thing to look out for in this Island and explains why most of the houses are built in the valleys instead of on the tops of the hills –16th We spent all today in a boat pulling along the coast and exploring the caves some of which are very fine – The Creux Terrible is an extraordinary one – and all the coast is very much honey combed by the waters into caves

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and natural arches – In the afternoon we returned to Guernsey arriving there to dinner and having enjoyed our visit to Sark extremely – 17th We drove round Bordeaux Harbour to Lanresse Common and saw some very fine remains of Druid Temples – in the afternoon we drove out again and they dropped me at the Le Mottees where I spent an hour and they picked me up

⁵³ La Coupée is an isthmus joining Sark and Little Sark.

again – I have not seen Mr. Le M. at all and Mrs Le M asked me to dine in such a half hearted way that I saw she did not want me

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3 so I declined –She made the excuse that she had had such short notice of my coming but that was nonsense as she had had over a fortnights notice by letter from her daughter who was staying at the Whites on her way through London to the Continent and who wrote to her to ask Mr. Le. M. to put me up at the Club – thence we went on to the Alf Mansells to afternoon tea – they were most pleasant and old Miss Mansell was most chatty & intelligent – M^r Mansell is nearly blind but is active and in full possession of his senses Emma Mansell was there also and after we left we drove out to

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Catel⁵⁴ Church where Mother was married – It has all been restored inside and also considerably enlarged so it is quite different to what it was in Mothers time – In the evening Betts Bey called & stayed some time he is a curious fellow – very foreign but very pleasant and has been most attentive – Today I received a letter from Capt Carter who was very angry at Charleys letter of 24th May (which he enclosed for me to read) – It was not so silly as the last but mentioned he was getting into debt and could not pay his lodgings – Capt. C. remarks that he thinks Charley had

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better leave Adelaide as it is evident that the not having obtained a satisfactory letter from M^r Goyder is hindering his chance of getting employment in Adelaide and says he has written him very strongly – Entre nous it would be a great blessing to you & me personally if he would leave Town – Capt Carter talks of sending Charleys next allowance to me to pay Charleys lodgings and only hand him over the balance so as to assure his landlady being paid I dont much care about being mixed up with his affairs but suppose I shall have to undertake the job – 18th I received your letter of 1st June per Lusitania via

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Naples but shall not get your letter of the previous week by P. & O. until I return to London as it is coming round to Plymouth – I am so glad to hear you are all enjoying yourselves so much and that dear little Mary has no more pain in her leg – her photo is so much admired by all who see it – In the morning M^{rs} Le Mottee called and also Miss Tupper an aunt of the young fellow who was killed on Mt Chimborazo [?] – Then Ella & Milly & I went with M^r Mansell to call on old Betsy Richards my grandmothers old servant who is quite keen and bright though at least 83 years old

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⁵⁴ Arthur Hardy and Martha Price were married at the church of S^t Mary Castel.

4 She is very bent but otherwise enjoys perfect health and lives in a room of grandfathers old house in High Street which commands a beautiful view over the Harbour and across to Sark – She had a very good portrait of Uncle Varden there and many family likenesses and I gave her mine – the vignette – She asked very fully after all the family. After lunch we drove out to Pleinmont passing “Mon Plaisir” the house in the forest where Mother & Father spent their honey moon – All these houses are so substantially built of granite that they

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never alter except to increase in picturesqueness as they get more & more weather beaten and covered with ivy fuchias and roses all of which flourish luxuriantly – We went in the evening to see “Patience” at S^t Julians Hall – the Company was limited only to love sick maidens &c – but they played with great spirit and we enjoyed ourselves capitally though it was rather a burlesque on the original – 19th your Mother & I saw Betsy Richards as Betsy had expressed a wish to see Harry’s sister in law and thence we all went to the Guernsey

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Races on Lancrese⁵⁵ Common – Your Mother had rather a headache but enjoyed herself on the whole – some of the racing was very good and the crowd was decidedly amusing – I met there a M^{rs} Le Guerin whose husband Col. Le G. was is a cousin of some of our cousins here though not a direct relation of ours – Mother may know the name – Friday 20th We wrote letters and bought some photos and some usefully shaped hot water cans but did nothing further in particular. Saturday 21 We left Guernsey at 7.30 and went to Jersey

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the passage was only rough for a bit but your mother was ill – On arrival we went to Braes Hotel and having had an early lunch started for a drive – we went over the Castle at Mont Orgueil which was very interesting – the sands in Jersey are very good for bathing as the tide rises 45 feet – We noticed here a number of small beggars but were not pestered by them in Guernsey – the buildings here as in Guernsey are very substantial being principally – at least the older buildings & farmhouses constructed of granite rubble with the pointing countersunk

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5 Most of it is Norman ~~art~~ architecture with pine arches over the doors and the owners initials cut into the stone and date of marriage – the chimneys built of squared granite and the boundary walls topped with pieces of the same instead of glass – Many of the window frames are prettily picked out with stained glass – the houses here are mostly larger than in Guernsey and the people more fashionable.

The gate posts are generally rough hewn pillars of granite and the gates are hung & fastened in a peculiar manner which I will explain – On returning we entered St. Helens by a

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⁵⁵ L’Ancrese.

While at dinner Madder Tinline⁵⁶ and Fred & Ted Elder came in and we found they were staying for a few days – An Egyptian Colonel friend of my cousin Betts Bey was also there – named Mustapha Bey so I had some companions –

On Sunday we started after breakfast and after a pretty drive up St. Peters Valley reached Pleinmont & had lunch – then we went on the beach for an hour and saw some good caves – one of which had a waterfall falling over the mouth and very pretty coloured rocks inside – thence drove along the coast and went into a cave called the Devils Hole where the tide came in with great rapidity and made

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a good deal of noise over it – Monday 23rd was steady rain all day until 5 so we did nothing but play billiards & buy more photographs and then left for Weymouth – between Jersey & Guernsey it was rather rough and the trio were very ill – I told them I did not think much of them as sailors which only increased their annoyance – We reached Weymouth at 3.30. a.m. – passed our luggage – left at 5.30 & reached town at 11. a.m. all rather tired though I had had a good dinner & a good sleep on board – I found your letters of 5th June and Mothers also letters from Davis & Father 25th This morning was an eventful one for we first in order of time

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but not of importance because I found I had slept 12 hours on a stretch not having stired until after 10.30 this morning which was rather a novelty for me and secondly because I found letters from D^r & M^{rs} Barton announcing Ethel & Caulfields engagement – they are so charmed at it and as am I – I suppose it took place on 6th June after you & Mother had written & so Caulfield caught the mail on 7th – I wonder Mother did not send a supplementary line to me to tell me of it but shall hear it all next week no doubt – I have promised to go down again to Fulbeck before I leave – The Peacocks are there at present – Today

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6. I have been shopping for some triffls – waterproof rug & coat & boots – coin counters for cards – an appointment card for you to show when you are out when you will be back – some standing cases for photos – cabinet & carte to put on the drawing room table – boxes of labels &c – In Jersey I bought you some Eau de Cologne as it is said to be very good & not to burn the face when applied.

I have had your photo – the one with your hands behind your back – copied by Hoes [?] who took my cabinets and he has made a very good job of it – I will enclose a specimen in this or my next letter – It is not so polished as the original as I have not

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⁵⁶ James Madder Tinline was the youngest son of George Tinline (1815-1895), banker and pastoralist who had spent many years in South Australia, and had owned some land on Mount Lofty Summit Road. He had married Helen Madder in 1843.

had it enamelled but I think you will like it and strangers getting copies will not know the difference – the copies allowing for A. & N. Stores discount only cost 19/- per dozen – enamelled they would be £2 per doz which latter if I recollect right would not be any considerable reduction on Tuttle's prices for duplicates –

26th Today your Mother Ella & I have been selecting furniture all the afternoon – The only room I had any trouble about was my dressing room as I had no measurements and could only guess the width behind the door and beside the window

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For the bedroom & spare room I bought two suites to match in Ash so that the chairs chest of drawers &c can be shifted from one room to another when visitors come. I expect a good many ornamental things will have to wait but what I got amounting to £140 are worth £200 or more in Adelaide and I am sure will please you – Dining room table & chairs – 2 arm chairs – maroon morocco – sideboard – dinner wagon – child's chair – two book cases – all walnut to match – Drawing room – Chesterfield couch very fashionable now – a little large perhaps

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but so comfortable – 5 very easy chairs – 2 bent wood chairs – octagon table and music stool – some of the chairs will do in their present coverings – Bedroom suite ash – 6 ft wardrobes with glass – chest drawers pedestal ~~dressing~~ wash stand duchesse dressing table – pedestal cupboard – towel rail – 3 chairs – medicine cupboard – Spare room – 3 ft wardrobe with glass – dressing table with glass – washstand tile back – 2 chairs – Hall folding chair – Dressing room mahogany wardrobe – Chair bed & cushions – Hanging cupboard – book shelves –

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7 and library pigeon holes – The present articles which will be replaced by those above ought surely to fetch £50 to £70 even if sent to an Auction room and so defray a considerable proportion of the present expenditure –

We are going for some more things next week and for your curtains and linen tomorrow but some of your lists of linen – curtains & glass will have to be reduced and I am very dubious about overmantels and brackets – I mean to get the useful articles first and then see if I have any money over for ornamental luxuries – I dined tonight

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with Sydney Whites three Uncles at Geo. F. Whites house 1. Porchester Gate – one of the finest houses in London – It was a grand affair – One thing I noticed was that they served sweet melon as a separate course immediately after the soup and had at desert a delicious fruit mayonaise consisting of peaches – pineapples – grapes strawberries – melon & red & white currants swimming in port and champagne –

I heard there that poor Syd is dying and his father and Mother have gone to him at Belfast – however he has rallied so often and so wonderfully that I do not

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despair of hearing that he has once more pulled round.

I forgot to say we bought Miss Fanley's [?] couch for £3.15. which with freight will make it a little over £4 by the time she gets it –

27th Ella and I bought this morning some cabinets – coal vases – sets of cans – and toilet sets for spare room & nursery – I only got single set for spare room as the suite washstand was single but I got good large basons for each set – also 4 ft nursery wardrobe – japanned oak – I must finish this now as I am expecting Florence Mason

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and am going out this afternoon with your Mother to look at some linen &c so with fondest love to yourself and dear little Mary of whom I am glad to hear such good accounts remain Yours affectionately

Arthur M Hardy

M^{rs} A. M. Hardy

Adelaide S.A.

[envelope address printed in italics]

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Letter from Arthur Marmaduke Hardy to his wife Catherine Hardy from 8 Garway Road, London. 127th July 1883. Three small folios.

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8 Garway Road

27th July 1883

My dear Kate

I had just posted my last letter to you this morning when Florence Mason came in and stayed to lunch with me – She does not look very delicate but says she is very bad and that her lungs are almost gone – We had a very jolly chat over old times and she was so charmed with Marys photo – Her own little girl aged 7 – they lost their first child a boy – is named \Florence/ Mary ~~Florence~~ Hardy Mason and I am going back with her on Tuesday to stay a couple of days at their place near Liverpool – Your

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people called before she left and after chatting a while went on to Whiteleys where I joined them and we looked out some linen and curtains – My list is getting too large and I expect I shall have to cut out the bedroom suites so you had better not say you are expecting any new furniture and then if I have to sell on my return to meet the bills and pay for the stuff there will be no adverse gossip as to our reasons – It is very hard lines that the times should be so bad just now in Adelaide but if it is our bad luck to be sold about our new rig out I suppose we must just grin and bear it and go on with our old things until an

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improvement occurs so don't count too much on our being able to keep this furniture until I am back and see how things shape after my return – on 28th I went to lunch with Kingston Barton and spent the afternoon in the Park then returned to dinner with Kingston & a friend – Shaw – and in the evening we went to the Fisheries Exhibition with some girls and heard the Bands play splendidly – it is very jolly there sitting under the trees the whole garden being lighted up with Chinese lanterns and the buildings with electricity – On Sunday 29th I went to Broadstairs and found M^{rs} Jackson & Alice & Fred Jackson there – Emily Barton came to early dinner and we had a long talk about Caulfield and Ethel – I took her photo and

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Mabels with me – After dinner we went up to Capt Fearon's [?] and saw all the family except the son who is in Canada – There I met a M^{rs} Baldwin who is a great friend of Major Dowding and --- Matson of the Marines I think both were on board the Nelson when she was in Adelaide It was very wet coming back and the train was very late so I was pretty well tired when I got home – Next morning I got your letters per John Elder and very nice letters from Caulfield & Ethel – Caulfield seemed very anxious to know if I approve the match so I am glad my letter of last mail had been sent off without waiting to hear from the family about the engagement –

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2 In the evening I took Florence to the Fisheries and after staying there until 9.30 we went on to the Strand Theatre and saw an amazing burlesque called Silver Guilt – I dined at the Empire Club and met John McCulloch there who seems a good deal improved by living in England – On Tuesday I arranged with Whitely to send a box by “Ghargee” [?] and then went to Haydock with Florence – It is a long journey and she was very tired – Harry met us at the Station and we were very glad to have supper – Their little Mary is a very winning child but so thin and delicate looking – Their income is very small & they live in a little cottage but Florence seems to be a good

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Manager – The doctors have told her she must either get abroad into a warm climate or never leave her bedroom from 1st Nov. to 30th. April which is not a lively prospect – I told them if she and Mary could get a passage out to Adelaide we would gladly put them up for the summer months but I am afraid they will not be able to manage it – They are fortunate in having some very kind friends here named Evans – a cousin of Squires who I hear has returned to Adelaide – and a Dr. Hayward who came last winter every day to Florence for over 4 months and refused to accept a penny from them though he is not a Churchman but a Dissenter – I told them

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that though I should have much liked to help them I really cannot do it in the face of Wentworths⁵⁷ letting me in for that £175 – 9th Aug^t
Since writing above I have been almost unceasingly on the tramp and have not been able to keep up my daily writing so I must just give you a precis of my movements – In the first place we have had most changeable unpleasant weather alternate days of hot & cold which are most trying. Well on 2nd inst we spent the afternoon at D^r Haywards & had Lawn Tennis &c & met a D^r Jones & M^r Morton who knew your friend Jones of the Mirzapore and the next day I came back to Town bringing Florence back with me as she had to see her doctor –

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Next day 4th I went down to Franklands – Nobody was at home when I arrived so I strolled around until they came in – After dinner we had a carpet dance and billiards – Lady H. is very kind hearted but also rather a bully at times and some of her stories at table were rather trying at times when I was the only man present as Major Heave (her husband) had to go to Town and Harry & Charles only came to dinner - Sunday was wet but we went to Church & did not enjoy ourselves much – The parson Arnold – lolled about so in his desk that every stranger present thought he was tight and the sermon by M^r Monroe was nothing much –

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⁵⁷ Wentworth Marmaduke Hardy (1846-1920) was the son of Arthur Hardy's older brother Edward, hence A. M. Hardy's first cousin.

3_Monday 6th we went for a good long drive with Lady H & had some dancing & billiards in the evening – On Tuesday I came back early and met Emily Barton at Victoria took charge of her luggage and met her again at Euston Kings Cross and went down to Fulbeck with her – There I found all the family & Miss Florence Butler a cousin and was very kindly received – On my way through town I got your letters per Rome and am very pleased to hear of Harry Goyders engagement especially as it is to so old a mutual friend – Yesterday it was wet all day and I came back to town at night

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Today I have spent mostly with Florence Mason whom I picked up at D^r Longs and brought here to lunch and then took on to Euston & saw her off home – I hope we may meet again in this world but I am very doubtful as she is far from well – Then I went round and told your people about Harry Goyders engagement & am now just finishing this off as I shall be too busy tomorrow to write any more as I have to meet Uncle Bonamy from 12 to 3 and that cuts into mail day tremendously –

I have just had a circular from P. & O. that in future their

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Australian boats will leave Gravesend on Thursday so I leave this day 3 weeks & next letter will be the last from me unless I wire from the Sound.

One of Charleys friends named Willock is coming out with us – going to Adelaide on letters of introduction to Elder Smith & Co and another friend of Charley accompanies him to Calcutta so that ensures companions for the voyage –

I enclose a letter for Father re goods sent by Lusitania – Please give him same and the invoices if he requires the latter but I don't expect they will until I get back – Miss

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Ganleys box ottoman, though not included in the list is enclosed in one in one of the cases.

Give my best love to dear Mary and tell her I shall be home the mail after next and do so long to see you both and with love to the rest of the family remain Yours affectionately

Arthur M Hardy

[envelope address printed in italics]

Mrs. A. M. HARDY

Barnard Street,

North Adelaide,

ADELAIDE

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

[added in ink] Via Brindisi –

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Letter from Martha Hardy to her son Arthur Marmaduke Hardy Mount Lofty 24th December [1883] one small folio.

[page one is written on page 4, on verso of page 3, of the folio]

Mount Lofty Monday 24 Dec

My dearest Arthur

Herbert brought up y^r letter to him on Saturday & I think it better to answer it myself We are all agreed that you are mistaken about the intentions of ~~The~~ the list of valuables y^r Father & I thought that after our deaths you might have a difficulty in dividing amicably amongst your four selves the plate & other valuables we left so we asked you to choose at once

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each of you what you liked dividing them equally as possible & y^r Father added the list to his Will to be dealt with in that way. We had no intention or possible object in making these gifts either then or at any time before our deaths. Herbert asked each of us separately & alone what our recollections about the matter were & we all perfectly agreed. The only plate we propose selling at a good reserve are the 4 plated dish covers. The ~~pl~~ cake basket (a very old fashioned one) & the inkstand & these I want to part with simply because I have no place to keep them in at Blackwood.

The Oak table. Etchings. Statuettes

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& Stodarts pictures will only be sold privately at full value. Herbert buys [?] a Hall furniture he cannot put Bottings values against things as he only gave lump sums

As soon as we are settled again y^r Father & I propose re-arranging the list of silver to be divided amongst you after both our deaths I am sure dear A you will see that this is our only possible course of action. At Blackwood

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with one sitting room we could not fill it with these valuable things & the only way is to sell them either to rich private families or to the Art gallery .

Please thank dear Kate & Mary for their nice letters. I do so pine over Kate's hard work. You must send Mary down to us later. It is very hot to-day. Y^r poor Father is very seedy & weak. We are all so sorry for him. Herbert intended writing to you last night , but got badly stung by a bee & his eyes were swelled up . I hope the box reached you all right.

Y^r loving Mother

Martha Hardy

PRG 101_2_79

Letter from J. H. Oldmeadow, father of Wentworth Hardy's wife, to Arthur Marmaduke Hardy, 15th February 1883. Two small folios.

[*folio 1*]

Evandale
15 Feby 1883
A. M. Hardy Esq
Dear Sir

I am induced to write you on behalf of my daughter M^{rs} W. M. Hardy, who as you are aware is now living with us in consequence of Wentworth's ~~embarrsed~~ \embarrassed/ circumstances. In the first place I believe Wentworth has been enabled through the sale of his furniture to repay you in full, that portion of the trust money you advanced to him out of his retiring allowance from the Gov^t.

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That being the case my Daughter wishes me to ask you to be kind enough to forward to her the am^t of interest due thereon. As the Sale took place on the 31st October, I presume the money was paid over to you shortly after that date, which would make 3 m. interest due now. It may perhaps be a satisfaction to you to know that my Daughter is living most in expensively with us, and is not in any way likely to exceed her allowance of £40 p^r anm. I tell you this as I believe you tried to persuade Wentworth to let me know he would not be responsible for any

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debts she might contract, \while here,/ which was quite unnecessary advice. I am extremely glad to hear that Wentworth has been fortunate in obtaining work "up country" with the likelihood of getting a good deal more, which if it please God to grant him health to carry out, added to the pluck energy \self denial/ and perseverance he is displaying, will enable him to soon pay off all his obligations in Adelaide. You will allow me I am sure in the interests of a Father, (under the above circumstances) to suggest that no good can be obtained by pressure, or ill feelings, as it is plain to see that he is doing all that man can do, in giving up his home, his wife, and children

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and is working hard in a most trying climate at this time of year to enable him to clear himself of debt. I am very sorry he has not \yet/ been able to let the house they occupied under lease, as that would have helped very considerably to lighten his burden. My daughter also wishes me to act ~~as~~ with you as Trustee, which I am willing to do. Will \you/ therefore kindly let me know what step is to be taken in order to carry this out. I presume it would be much more satisfactory to you as well as to all parties (now that the Trust money is paid back) to have a second trustee.
With kind regards

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Letter from J. H. Oldmeadow, father of Wentworth Hardy's wife, to Arthur Marmaduke Hardy, 16th April 1885. One small folio.

Evandale

16 April 1885

A M Hardy Esq^r

Dear Sir

Will you kindly send me an Ac^t C. of interests received on Ac^t of Trust fund re Wentworth
I would also estimate it a favor if you will state the date on which the various investments were
made and the amount of each investment, and the rate of Interest on each, together with the
Am^t due to you from Wentworth at the present time.

In your last ac^t and letter bearing date 28th April 1884

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you stated that Picket was in arrears £8-2-6 owing to embarrassed circumstances but was then
paying off every month. I hope he has continued doing so.

I would be very glad if this matter can be all settled up and the Trust transferred, so that the
money can be invested in Tasmania, now Wentworth and Marion are permanently settled over
here. I write at this date to give you the opportunity of furnishing these little extra particulars in
your next annual Ac^t C.

With very kind regards, and best wishes I am yours truly

J H T Oldmeadow

4800

PRG 101_2_81

Letter from Mary W. Hardy to her mother Mrs A. M. Hardy, 18th June 1897. Three small folios.

[folio 1]

Palmer Place

North Adelaide

17th June '97 [*overwritten in pencil*] 18th

My dear Mother,

I hope you are getting on all right. Father would tell you that Dora came after all, & M^{rs}. Dunstan & one of the Davidsons (I think) were at the station. One of the corridor lavatory carriages was on, & we had the end compartment to ourselves as far as Hamley Bridge when two women & a girl got in, the latter leaving at Gawler. It poured nearly the whole way. After Terowie we had lunch, I could'nt get the cork out of the bottle & while pulling at it, the neck came off so I had to drink it all for lunch. When we had finished we played noughts & crosses etc for a time M^r Skewes, Milly Price & the other little girl

[*written in pencil across the top left hand corner of the page*] Did not get any envelopes today so had to borrow one.

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were on the train & M^r Tickle was the first man I saw in the Petersburg⁵⁸ station \Friday/ Miss Osborne from P^t. A. came down also. We had tea after Riverton & after Salisbury I fixed Dora up & she had a nice sleep to N. A.⁵⁹ Auntie & I waited to see about my box & when the last of the luggage was up I began to get anxious, in case it had been taken out at Dry Creek or Hamley Bridge. The porter took the address & promised to deliver it if it turned up & when do you think it did? 10 to 12 (midnight) from N. A. The boy at Orroroo seeing the address, wrote North on the label "Orroroo to Adelaide" & of course it was taken out there. I got it 3 p. m. They were all glad to see me & I had some soup & a sausage. Yesterday morning Aunt Mabel brought me a cup of tea & at 7.30 I got up

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& was only just in time for breakfast Aunt E. did my hair & managed very well only not so much of it as you do. I wore my green skirt & Aunt M's purple blouse. After breakfast I did my room & dusted Drawing & Sitting rooms, & did the cruets. Then talked to Grannie. It poured all day. Felix goes to Miss King for 1 hour's Arithmetic every morning. I changed my blouse for the bodice (which they all think very nice) & then unpacked my box. I was writing to you when Mrs. Barr Smith's Brougham drove up so I went into the Drawingroom. She was very nice to me; What a size she is, & so different from what I always imagined her. She only stayed a few minutes as the horses were

⁵⁸ Now Peterborough.

⁵⁹ North Adelaide.

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clipped & she didn't want to keep them out in the rain. Aunties came home just after Grannie & I had had our tea & then Felix read to us from "Deeds that won the Empire" he chose the Battle of Cadiz & reads so well. Then we played cards. It was too wet to go to Miss Leask's entertainment & I didn't mind except that only reading & playing Euchre made me think of the Cinderella & I couldn't help wishing I were there, & for a time felt quite homesick. Aunt M. was obliged to go to a Political Meeting. "Afternoon" After dusting I wrote the above & then Ann Felix & I went into Town about 10.30. The two others went to the Cyclorama of Waterloo as it is 84 years today since it was fought and

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Felix is very interested in the great battles. I went on to Grenfell Street for Auntie's & saw Miss Soward & Sybil. Then we three went to Donaldsons to look at the hats but didn't like them. Saw M^{rs} Squires & Lorna & they are coming to see us; they were both very nice. We then went to Burlington House & asked for that girl, her name is Miss Davoren. After trying ever so many hats, we decided on a French one (12/9) Auntie gave me hat and veil. I hope you will like the hat for it was the only one that I could stand at all; it is bronze straw, with bronze & green ribbons & green wing and a bunch of violets (all the rage) Aunties also liked some black ones but I did not like the shape & one they all thought suitable had a wee crown that would have sent me crazy. Then I got two

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nightdresses (3/11 each) & a petticoat which was I think 6/11, it was really 8/11 but I said I couldn't go so far as that. The gloves are a light grayish fawn, of course I had to get the most fashionable colour because of Tuesday. The suspenders & "Ita" I could not get. I got 3 prs blk stockings for self at 1/6 and 3 prs for you at 1/9 You will notice one pair is better quality, it was a sample pair & so only the same price. The binding is what you want I think; also the belting. We had not time to see about the Blouses, for Martins We did not like & only had time to get the shoes at Marshalls. I got a pair for 16/9; rather stronger soles than present pair. Aunt Mabel left us at Martins & Aunt Ethel & I only got home at one.

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Pelting all the time & I had to change my stockings at once. Miss L. Peacock & Miss Anna Moore were in the tram. The former asked how you were. The Blouses etc must now wait till next week. My hair came quite straight & I have put it up & hope it will have curled a bit before Aunt Minnie comes over. Aunt Mabel wrote my name at G. House on Monday afternoon & an invitation arrived on Tuesday which I accepted yesterday. Was'nt it prompt, and as they had sent it to Blackwood they must have sent it on Monday night. Auntie had written to Lady Victoria asking if she might take me, but fortunately had not sent it, for it is nicer getting it without that. It is a Reception. It

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was wonderfully lucky getting the Tickets for Tuesday as in numbers of cases only some in a family did. Grandfather was not successful; so it was great luck that Auntie E, & M, & I should each have. On Monday night, I think we are going to see the Illuminations. The people are very busy laying on the gas. Over G. H. gates "God save the Queen" & a huge Crown & when lighted should be very pretty. The Queen's picture is everywhere.⁶⁰ On Friday next we are going to a conversazione of the Australian Home Reading Union at the University; & are also going to try to go to one of the Ovide Musin Concerts⁶¹ but that is not settled. Barbara went to see Miss Kingston & M^{rs} Mc Arthur last night. The

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latter gave her a nice purse for herself & one each to send to Maggie & Susie & a warm shawl for Ann. She is very anxious to see Felix & me & we were going this afternoon but being so wet we are going to stay in. Barbara's niece Josie was here yesterday helping. Felix is going to a big party at the C. B. H's tomorrow & Aunties have been asked there to an At Home next Thursday. M^r Skewes was in Marshalls this morning. Miss Willshire was in one of the shops I forget which. I am reading "Only a Governess" by Rosa N. Carey. On Sunday there is to be a service at the Cathedral for men only in the morning & we hope Grandfather will take Felix. M^r West is to preach. Ann & Barbara are going somewhere

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Christ Church perhaps & we are to look after dinner. In the afternoon The Special Service & in the evening a the usual one. On Tuesday morning Felix, Fred, Mab, Katie & I are going to the A. M. P. Buildings to the Office to see the School Children from the windows there. Felix has just drawn me, as he was sitting opposite & I thought I'd send it to you as it shows he has a good idea of how to produce the attitude &c even though it is a strange picture itself, Someone is at the door, perhaps Aunt Minnie. Yes, so I must run & change my dress. Aunt Minnie, Miss Jessie Hall & M^{rs} Stow were here. It is still pelting; Aunty said I had a very pretty dress on, I am glad they all like it so much. The Cornish's have such crowds of photos in-

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cluding a splendid large one of D^r Campbell, a midget of Miss L. Kirkpatrick that M^{rs} Lance has & that one of Colin C & his dog that we have. They themselves are a very good-looking lot. M^{rs} Cornish's son-in-law is I think Captain of the "Mildura". I seem to know the name of Hilda Cornish quite well. There is no number to this house, but the postman knows the Hardys are here. He came up to the window or somewhere, where he saw Grannie & asked her how she was & said he used to take their letters in the Hill S^t days; so you see he would make no mistake. I do not know how this is to be posted & will be very vexed if it cannot reach you tomorrow. Do hurry up & write, & tell me everything

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⁶⁰ On 20th June 1897 Queen Victoria celebrated her Diamond Jubilee.

⁶¹ The Ovide Musin Concert Company was in Adelaide in June 1897.

I expect all would send their love but they are not here at present to say so. Much love to you and Father.

I remain

Ever your loving daughter

Mary. W. Hardy

M^{rs}. Stow & Aunt Min asked how you were; & Miss Hall said she & her Mother had hoped to see you at the Semaphore when we were down with Aunt Issie.. She asked me if Aunt I was better & I said "Not much" & she said "Dear me what a long time she has been ill, they must be getting anxious" so I managed to change the subject then, but it was awkward. I wish I had been able to get those other things I wanted today instead of waiting till next week. Tata.

M. W. H.

[*envelope*]

M^{RS} A. M. HARDY

ORROROO

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Letter from Mary W. Hardy to her mother Mrs A. M. Hardy, 27th June 1897. Two small folios of different sizes.

[*folio 1*]

Palmer Place
North Adelaide
June 27th 1897.

My dear Mother;

I posted my last letter on Thursday morning. In the afternoon it was showery. I went round to M^{rs} Davis' at 3; & had a little chat with her. She asked about you & said she had'n't seen you since you were Kate Hallett. I thought her so nice. About 3.15 Miss Flo Davis & I went into Town picked up Miss Alice Phillips & went off to the Observatory. There were about a dozen of us altogether; I liked both Miss Mann & Miss Lizzie Giles the others I was merely introduced to. When nearly all had gone, Lorna asked Miss D & I to wait a bit longer & we went into the Drawingroom as M^{rs} Squires wished me to see Lady Todd. M^{rs} Shone & Miss Oldham & another lady

[*written in ink across the top left hand corner of the page*] Am sending washing could'n't send before. Grannie says dont say anything about ticket if exchanged, she is afraid it might be wrong. Will write again in a few days

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were in there. It was raining & after six when we got home. On Friday M^{rs} O'Halloran & Miss Florence called, then Miss Isabel Marryat. In the evening Aunties, Miss Gee, Misses I & K. Marryat, Miss Ross Reid, Miss Flo Davis & myself went to the Conversazione at the University The curios shown by Lady Brown, Lady Victoria & some others were exquisite. Miss Victoria, Master Harold, Captains Guise & Wallington were there. We were home soon after 10. Yesterday morning I went to see Miss King to tell her I could not accept an invitation she sent me by Felix on Friday to go to tea today & to the Cathedral afterwards. As we are going to the Peacocks. M^{rs} Frank Stokes called in the afternoon. Then Felix & I went off to Gover St to have tea with Miss Gee & then she took us to Ovide–Musin, while Aunties

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went to "A Woman of No Importance". The Concert was splendid, I liked Herr Scharf's piano playing most. With us were Miss Soward (a cousin of the one we know) Miss French from M^t Gambier (a cousin of the Archdeacon's) Miss Bloxom [?] & Miss Hornabrook. We got back about 10.25 & Aunties after 11. This morning we went to Church & it is so wet again; I hate it when obliged to go out in one's best. M^t Crawford preached; & Aunties told Granny he was a very fine preacher, but I would far sooner hear Mr. Doudney. I wish we always sat in the chancel, I could'n't hear the singing very well & could only see one or two. Aunt Mabel has gone to Bishop's C^t for dinner & we are all going there to afternoon tea on Thursday. I was to go to "The Passport" tomorrow, but Aunties think M^{rs}

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Brough is not going to act so we are not to go until "Niobe" or "The Amazons" is staged. Everyone thinks "Niobe" the best and advises that. However we'll see when the time comes. On Tuesday there is the S^t Peters Service. An Orchestra is to accompany the Musical portions & I believe the choir will be increased by ladies & am sorry about the latter, as I like the boys' voices best. On Wednesday ~~the~~ I am to go to the Kings' in the afternoon & ~~to~~ in the evening ~~the~~ M^{rs} Squires & Lorna are coming over. Felix & I are to spend Thursday with Aunt Minnie and I am to be back by 4 to go to Bishop's Court. Miss Gee was showing me some of her paintings of Robe and Blackwood & a number of photos of various Italian Cathedrals, statues etc

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she is very nice. M^r Coneybeare always reads the lessons at the Cathedral; & reads them very distinctly. The Governor, one daughter, two sons & Capt Guise were there this morning. The boys are going to England in about 10 days, I heard Master Harold telling some gentleman on Friday night. Miss Victoria is looking quite pretty now. Florence O'Halloran is engaged to a D^r Sweetapple. I believe he is a horrid man with five dreadful sisters, it seems a pity for Miss O'H. is such a handsome girl. Miss Mann & Miss Giles are such bright girls and Flo. Davis a very sweet, pretty girl. Lorna Todd is just 20.

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M^{rs} Davis told me M^{rs} Willie Scott & Miss Woods were going to Orroroo yesterday & Miss Flo said. "It agrees with Gertie so up there, she was so much better when she came back last winter, and I expect she will stay 3 months again instead of a month. Her Mother thinks she is delicate & fusses so over her, that it did her good to be free to do as she liked & we think that is why she was so much better". Aunties took in my ticket to M^r Woods on Friday to ask him if he would exchange & for Miss Woods to go up on my excursion & for me to take an ordinary one & her to come back on that. He said

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he would see what she said & as he didn't return it yesterday we think she must have taken it, but I really dont see the good as it would only mean I could stay here till the Saturday instead of Wednesday & having told Grannie Hallett I was obliged to return on the 7th I couldn't go there as I should like. I really dont see how I am to go & see Aunt Annie, it is a bother. I cannot leave Granny every day & it comes to that pretty nearly now. How did the Orchestral Concert go on Thursday. I wish you'd write again quick, it always seems such a time! It is 2.30

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and we will be going to the Peacocks between 3 & 30. I think I have about come to the end of my news; so with very best love to you both from self & love from all

I remain

Ever y^r loving daughter

Mary W. Hardy.

I have read "Only a Governess" by Carey & "Frederick" by L. B. Walford & am trying to read "Margaret Ogilvy" by Barrie, but it is Scotchy for me. Love to girls if you see them. Have never caught a glimpse of M^r Russell.

Mary.

[note added in pencil, in another hand, upside down on the bottom of the page] see inside flap of envelope

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Letter from Arthur Hardy to his daughter Ethel Hardy, 5th February 1905. One large black-bordered folio.

Glenelg

Sunday 5 Feby 1905

My dear Ethel

I was very glad on Wednesday to receive your letter, I can quite realize the great changes of the South East wind, but there is a great difference between the East Wind at Mount Lofty, and when it reaches the Plains – its effect on the Hill is refreshing whilst when the East Wind reaches the Plains it has lost its invigorating qualities, and has assumed that of the Gully winds with the Ozone dried out of it

Please give my kind regards to M^{rs} & M^r Hawker and my thanks for receiving you after a comparative short journey up, which has given you strength to bear the longer journeys which Mabel tells me have been arranged for you.

The route you have arranged to take on ~~Wednesday~~ \Tuesday/ from Mount Lofty Station to Victor Harbour without change of Carriage will not be fatiguing; I know the Country you will travel on Wednesday to Second Valley and thence to Adelaide

About 1853 Mabel then being the baby (who did not accompany us) I drove your Mother and Lady Torrens in our old outrigger M^r Frederick Dutton driving Lady & Sir Henry Young in our old Waggonette, and Sir ~~Richard~~ \Robert/ Torrens and M^r Maturin riding, on our return from Starting [?] a Steamer on the Murray, nearly the same route as you will follow from what is now Victor Harbour, but the only residents then, were a whaleboat Crew of \at/ Hart & Hagens Fishery, back to Adelaide

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via Second Valley – At that time there was no house or buildings at Goolwa or Victor Harbor, there was not any road further South than Willunga –

We slept in Tents, after we had breakfast about 7 o'clock, the Tents were packed on Bullock drays and started with the Cook to a fixed spot & the first night from Inman Valley was at Second Valley where the Tents were pitched and the dinner prepared against our arrival near Sundown, so it is not surprising we took about a week getting to Adelaide we had Camped at Inman Valley on Land belonging to Sir Henry Young

At Second Valley there is a small but hard Sandy Beach with a reef running out from the Southern side about 50 yards with deep water nearly to the Sand; in the morning Torrens and myself walked out on the Reef to dive towards the Sand, Torrens went first and landed all right and then I dived in and struck out for the sand when Torrens called out and on looking round I saw a sharks fin following me, I had just got into shallow water, and I never walked through

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water so fast as I did on that occasion I saw Torrens snatch up his gun and fired over my head and on looking round I saw the shark turn round and start out to sea followed by a stream of blood, Torrens had sent a ball through him – I mention this as the beach at 2^d Valley is a most entrancing bathing place but I should be careful how I bathed there again.

We started next morning over Mount Terrible I think the name is there was no road and the Hill was so steep we had to cut down small trees and tie the butts ~~to~~ under the axels to get down, you may guess that most of the passengers preferred walking down that Hill
There is no doubt now a good road down the Hill for the Mail Coach but I thought you would like to compare our drive with the present –
I shall be glad to hear from Mabel that you regaining your strength I cannot read what I have written
your affectionate father
A Hardy

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Letter from Edward W. James in London dated 2nd February 1850, to Arthur Hardy who had just embarked for Australia. One quarto folio, folded into an envelope, with an additional page enclosed.

23 Ely Place, London

2 Feb^{ry} 1850

My dear Sir,

I was not surprised to find you had been too much engaged to call before you left London & on my part I assure you, had I found an hour to spare I should have given you a call before your departure – I can only wish you most heartily a pleasant voyage out & that you will find everything as comfortable in Adelaide as you can desire we have just received a very pleasant letter from Harry dated 6th Dec^r brought by a homeward bound ship – The Statesman had crossed the line after a wonderfully quick passage – there had been a mutiny on board but nothing very serious – the passengers were all pleasant & friendly – My brother Tom has written & therefore I do not write to Harry or William as indeed I have no time just now – but I trust to hear soon from the Colony this long continued silence is extremely painful – Wishing you favourable gales – believe me

Yours faithfully

Edwrd W James

P.S. My father is decidedly better than he was but still very ill

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Arthur Hardy Esq^r

Passenger to Adelaide

p^r "Mary Anne"

To the care of J. B. Wilcocks Esq^r

Plymouth

[written crosswise at side] E. W. James Rec^d 3rd Feby 1850

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Letter from John Beever at Shepley Hall Huddersfield to Arthur Marmaduke Hardy in London, 27th March 1869. One small sheet with black-bordered envelope.

Shepley Hall
27th March 1869
Mr Hardy
Dear Sir

I write a hasty line to say that I feel Mr Hardy's⁶² death very much I have not access to his books if you send me a list of the names you have a memorandum on I will try my very best to get all belonging to the late Mr Hardy I have got bills of his own private Ac^t that amounts to £6-13-2 but when his successor comes I will try him to pay all thats due at preasent that belongs to the estate – all the Tenants have received Notice

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to pay all rent hereafter to Alfred Hardy or his Solicitors I should like to know how long he was Aling and if he was sensible all the time and if he ever said anything about me in his sickness I should like to know all about his sickness I should like to know if the young Ladies are at the same place in haste I am yours

Truly
John Beever

[small heavily black bordered envelope]

M^r Arthur M. Hardy
32 Bridge Road West
Battersea
London S. W.

[written crosswise along left side, in another hand] J. Beever April 1st 1869

[adhesive red postage stamp showing Queen Victoria's head and the words]
POSTAGE ONE PENNY *[post mark over stamp]* 387

[post mark] 3 HUDDERSFIELD
27 MR 69

[post marks on reverse] LONDON K7 MR 29 69
B SHEPLEY MR 27 69

⁶² Edward Hardy (1811-1869) brother of Arthur Hardy and uncle of Arthur Marmaduke Hardy.

PRG 101_2_86

Letter from M Snyder [?] to Mr Hardy, 25th June 1870. One small black-bordered folio.

Dear Mr. Hardy

Many thanks for your kind sympathy – It is the more welcome as you were a favorite with my wife and her sister Miss Smith –

Believe me. very sincerely and gratefully yours

M Snyder [?]

25th June 1870

PRG 101_2_87

A handwritten draft of a letter from Arthur Hardy to F. A. Spiller, Clerk of Mitcham District Council. 6 March 1906.

[This badly damaged, and sometimes unreadable, draft is accompanied by a typescript of the letter, signed by Arthur Hardy. Words supplied by the typescript are in square brackets.]

A M P Buildings, Adelaide

6 March [1906]

Dear Sir

The Big Tree at Birksgate Glen Osmond stands [partly on Section] 894 and a small part of it on [the] Road from Glenelg to Glen Osmond

About 1852 I bought from the Mitcham District Council for £5 the small part of the Tree which stands on the Road, and placed a seat all round the Tree for the accomodation of foot Travellers carrying their swags, by many of whom it was daily used, and much appreciated and I kept the Seats repaired until 1864 when I sold Birksgate to the late Sir Tho^s Elder

The circumstances are referred to on P 2 of a History of Glen Osmond, lately published under the Auspices of The Glen Osmond Institute

M^r Peter Waite writes to M^r Goldsack the President of the Glen Osmond Institute that "if ~~I~~ you Arthur Hardy/ did rescue the Big Tree from the Axe it must have been previous to the year 1864 when Sir Thomas Elder bought Birksgate" M^r Waite \continues/ and adds "I know that Sir Tho^s Elder gave the District Council £5 for the Tree to prevent its destruction" and M^r Waite [adds further, "it would be interesting to find from the Council's Books the date, the £5 was paid by Sir Thomas Elder."]

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It was about 1852 ~~shortly after~~ that I bought the part of the Tree which stands on the Road, about 12 years before Sir Tho^s Elder bought Birksgate

Will you be so good as to ascertain from the Mitcham D C Books, for the satisfaction of The Glen Osmond Institute and of M^r. Peter Waite, whether Sir Tho^s Elder since 1863, paid the District Council £5 in connection with the Big Tree, and if he did, the date of such payment, and for what the payment ~~was~~ \purported to have been/ made

At the time Sir Tho Elder bought Birksgate in 1864, he knew from me, the particulars of the £5 purchase by me about 12 years previously

It is ~~possible~~ \probable /M^r Peter Waite may have heard from Sir Thos Elder ~~something~~ about my purchase of the part of the Tree, which was ~~well~~ \generally/ known in the neighbourhood, and have [misunderstood or forgotten] what Sir Tho^s Elder told him

Your [early reply] will oblige

[... ...] did pay the Council

Yours faithfully

AH

[M^r F. A. Spiller

Clerk District Council of Mitcham]

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Four small pages of rough notes. There is no signature but the handwriting is very like Arthur Hardy's.

I enclose \ have sent by this post/ Guthries Bill of Sale to Capⁿ Bishop he [. . .] me £ \ he clear me £/ I send you 100 lbs arsenic \ ~~ap/ r des~~ dos I have f^d the order for £8:7:– do not however draw any more orders on me without first sending up a statem^t of ~~how the~~ all you propose drawg [?] & a rec^t from Bishop as holding –bales of wool \ (the number you will fill up)/ on my acct – I have no fm news from London but will write to you as soon as I rec^d any – ^{you} say in yr tre⁶³ Why sho^d you arrange with Bishop that y^r wool sh^d

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be sold by Elders in Adel? I can arrange that or an adv^{ce} on it as you prefer – I have arranged with them to send the Lady Harvey down; but you may send mine up by [...] if he likes to take it in such case you must take his rec^t for it from me & specify the rate of freight – how many bales shall I have? can you not sell the whole establishment to Borthwick [?] \ [part – / on credit – if not we must boil down all of mine – People are arriving in Melbourne from England at 1000 a day labor

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will be cheap enough here within 12 mo^s – If you canæ^t \ neither sell or/ ~~take~~ the sheep \ or take them/ to the boiling down place we must get \ borrow/ a tvspot [?] or two & boil them at the [...] as quickly as we can –

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Lease rent from Hopkinsons Quotes [?]

100 lbs arsenic. order £8:7: M^{rs} Weaver

I shall arrange with Bishop so that my wool may be sold by Elder in Adel paying him as much as I can of his acc^t.

£ 50 including £8:7: –

Hopkinson has occupied that sum.

= Guthrie's Bill of Sale to be sent to Bishop –

Isa^s Int [?] in favor 6 mo^s with [?] the stations woolpacks £8 p^d from Dec to end of Jan^{ry} & advance by me [?] in money & things

⁶³ 'Tre' is a Hardy abbreviation for letter

PRG 101_2_89

Typewritten extract from a letter to Arthur Hardy from William Hardy (1809-1840), Arthur's older brother. 31st January 1838.

from William Hardy to Arthur Hardy

31/1/38

As a longer term than usual has passed since I last wrote home and as I am now going to a part from which I shall have no opportunity of writing again for some time I decide upon writing although I should otherwise have waited until I received answers from some of my yet unanswered letters. I have no news from home these last 7 months. I trust that all are well and should have been glad to have heard so from someone but it appears that you are all silent when my father is not writing. If I am on the present coast a little longer I shall probably hear from my father and from you in reply to my letter from Egypt.

I left Bombay in October as surgeon of the Palinurus surveying brig and proceeded up the coast. . . thence to the Indies. We now go to the African coast below C. Gardafui,⁶⁴ and enter the Red Sea at the end of May. It is proposed that we go to Suez and leave it at the end of July with the English mails of July 1st for Bombay. . . .When I come into the Red Sea I shall probably remit another small sum to you to get whatever trifles I may want. I will tell you a few things I am in want of and you can keep a note of them. 'Thoughts on Physical Education' by Dr Caldwell, 'Berzelius' Analysis of Inorganic Bodies' by Rees, Duchess de la Valliere, a tragedy by Bulwer I believe, steel pens, ink powder, a strong large clasp knife for hunting and cutting a deer's throat, a neat engraving of the Parliament houses. Can you give me any information regarding the Lancet's present character and condition?, Lucifers, Books in sheets get ½ bound before sending me.

What news have you of Alfred and of Edward? Do not fail to remember me kindly to the former when you write. Tell him that there are opportunities of writing from Bombay to South Australia, but I will write to him by the Cape. I take great interest in all that concerns him and the colony and shall be glad to hear from him Emilia⁶⁵ is at Pisa with her parents. Her health is improving.

⁶⁴ A headland in Somalia.

⁶⁵ William's wife.

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Typewritten extracts from letters to Arthur Hardy from John Taylor, husband of Arthur's sister Harriet. 15th November 1839 to 7th January 1843. A further letter to Edward Hardy, Arthur's older brother. 15th March 1840

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From John Taylor (A. Hardy's brother in law)

15/11/39 A letter has been received from William, dated Suez Oct. 6 His health entirely gave way during the campaign and he has been invalided for three years. He is on his way to Italy where he thinks of remaining, his allowance is only £125 p.ann., little enough, but he may be able to make it do in Italy. He has, he says, been spitting blood, and he has a hacking cough in the morning on first awaking. I do not however understand from his letter that he considers himself at all seriously ill. He mentioned to have sent you a parcel of seeds previous to leaving Bombay. I have received your letter dated April. What a disagreeable affair for you to be engaged in.

22/11/39 After a great trouble and much annoyance the cask of seeds has been shut out of the Warrior, I hope to send it per Eliza to sail 5th Dec., but the passengers have so much luggage and furniture etc. that the Brokers will not positively engage to take it. It shall however go by the first ship that will take it.

All well, Harriet much better, children as usual. She desires her best love to you, Alfred and Mrs Alfred.

1/12/40 I wrote you on the 21st Nov. giving you an account of the very unfavourable news we had received from Naples of the state of William's health. I regret now to have the very painful intelligence of his death to communicate to you. This sad news I received from Coupland and another of our correspondents in Naples. He died, after great suffering, on the 11th Novr. The complaint which finally carried him off, as far as I can hear, was an inflammatory attack of the liver, but he had no doubt been much weakened by his illness in India, and another serious, more so than we had inferred from his letters, illness during last summer.

This most melancholy event has affected me very much. Ever since you left we have been in regular correspondence, and I have had various money transactions with him. I have invariably found him most honourable, strict and correct, never engaging to do anything that he did (not) feel sure he should have it in his power to do.

There seems to have been great poverty during his illness, and poor Emilia is obliged to seek an asylum with some friends. Her condition is represented as most desolate and deplorable. There are some most painful circumstances about this most lamented event, which I may refer to another time, if we do not succeed in prevailing upon your Father to pay poor William's debts, which are very small, and to do something for Emilia.

Edward's ship was run foul of by another in the Downs, which carried away all her masts and did so much other damage that she was towed up to London, where she has discharged the cargo and is undergoing complete repairs. For four hours the ship was expected to sink, so that Edward had a most narrow escape.

We are all well. Remembrances to Alfred and his wife.

23/9/42 Hart has, I hear broken up his establishment, pensioned off his mistress with the child, and gone to live in Duke St. His father takes charge of all his affairs and keeps him for the present.

Edward called a few days since and seems to have got into complete scrape, he has arranged for the money by paying £1400 (for £400 down)

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on his father's death, this will cripple him as long as he lives, even if he had no other encumbrances, he expects to have the affair settled and receive the money next week. He states his wish to leave England for New Zealand immediately, and his call on me was to ask me to take his power of Attorney for him in the event of his father's death, this I cannot do unless the Chancery Suit be first arranged, as it would be most undesirable that I should place myself unnecessarily in opposition to the Governor, besides which I shall make myself responsible for costs, a thing I doubt not which would be most agreeable to Lucas, but most disagreeable to me Edward is now so completely in the hands of Lucas as to be obliged to act as he may dictate.

The wool sales have been going on for a week, prices still lower, from 1d to 2d.

7/1/43

You must always bear in mind that, however it may answer your purpose to have Bills returned Protested for non-payment, it will not suit me, and that such remittances as wool and real produce which is of certain realisation here should alone be sent. You might be sure that I never mentioned to James Tulk any such story as your having sent the Govr £1400 since you had been in Australia. He must have heard this from someone else. I am not in the habit of stating anything about money matters that are not facts, nor am I in the practice of exaggerating people's either good or ill fortune.

I notice all you say respecting Edward, of whom nothing has been heard since he left Cowes in Oct. nor have I heard anything of the Chancery Suit very lately. Edward was registered in the Union as 'Mr Hardy, wife and child', the person called 'wife' lived at Birksgate as servant, the child was three years old and therefore could not be his, as he only returned to England in June 1840.

There is little or no emigration now going forward to any part of Australia, a feeling of distrust has arisen in people's minds in consequence of Lord Stanley having ordered half the proceeds of the sale of lands to be applied to the general purposes of government, contrary to the pledge of Lord John Russell that all waste land in the Colonies should in future be sold and the proceeds applied to emigration, thus committing a fraud on the purchasers of all lands in full confidence that Lord John's pledge would be fully carried out. There is also a stop to all emigration to New Zealand, there being no funds to send out settlers, all sales of land having ceased in consequence of the misunderstanding between the Colonists and Governor Hobson. It is therefore most probable that this Colony will be very greatly distressed, perhaps even to a greater degree than South Australia was.

It had been arranged that my two uncles would retire from business either at midsummer or Xmas next. They were to leave me part of their capital in the business, but still I should have been too short of means to make it convenient to have much money owing in the far distant colonies. I had fixed to send anything you ordered to the same extent as usual, warning you of

the absolute necessity of making me remittances within the prescribed period of twelve months. Herbert is coming into the Counting House in April. Poor Uncle George has within a few days been seized with paralysis and there is scarcely any hope of his recovery, altho' he may linger for some time. This is a most unfortunate happening just now, and I scarcely know what will be the consequences. However there is no helping these things, and whatever troubles they may occasion, we must bear them as well as we are able

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and endeavour to work through them. Sometimes events turn out better that we expect and I hope that may be the case in this instance. unfinished

John Taylor to Edward Hardy

15/3/40

I received your letter dated 17th Sept. on Friday. It surprised me to find it was from Adelaide, as I had only understood that you were going, or rather talked of going, for I do not now see any of your letters to your father, for reasons which I have already mentioned to Arthur. Respecting your observation on the subject of the balance paid over to Maitland. . . . I now enclose the Bill and receipt which will I trust satisfy you that I in this instance, as well as in every other, followed your instructions. . . . The Bill you allude to for £32 made its appearance some six weeks since, but I of course declined payment 'for want of advice'. But I should have done the same had your letter been at the time received, for I cannot in justice to myself or to my own family throw money away to enable you to get out of scrapes which you never ought to have got into. Besides this, it would have been folly on my part when I knew that your father had refused others for upwards of £600.

I would not have said so much had not your letter seemed to convey some reproach to me, for not having fulfilled my trust, as I should have done, and to imply that this difficulty into which you have got with Lamb arose from my neglect, and that therefore you were justified in drawing this Bill. . . .

I am very sorry to hear that you are in bad health, but I hope that Adelaide will prove more suitable to you than New South Wales. It will be very delightful to be so near Alfred and Arthur, and I hope you will succeed in your new business of Accountant, for which you must be so well qualified.

I am very glad to hear such good accounts of Alfred and Arthur, the latter ought to be successful, because he has steadiness and talent united.

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Typewritten extracts from letters to Arthur Hardy from his father. 27th January 1840.

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from Thomas Hardy (father of Arthur)

27.1.40

Notwithstanding the strong inducements you hold out to me for speculating in town lots I am obliged to decline embarking in the scheme for want of money. I have already got more deeply into debt than is at all agreeable to me, and should it happen that Caroline goes into Devonshire soon, I suppose that I must give her £500, every shilling of which I shall have to borrow, unless Alfred should send me the amount.

I was amused by the name of the residence, Shepley⁶⁶, from which Alfred dates his last letter. I wish his posterity may enjoy Shepley in South Australia as long a time as his ancestors have possessed the Manor of Shepley in England, which was purchased by John Firth, the Grandfather of my Great Grandmother in 1630, now 210 years ago. I desire that you will not abbreviate your words after the manner of a lawyer, as was the case in the last letter to me, doing so gives more trouble in reading them than I like. Either you or Alfred has been told to take care in sending any newspapers to me, to take care that the ends be left open, Alfred sent a parcel last year sealed at both ends and containing nothing but newspapers, for which the charge at Huddersfield was £2.10 (?) I had to make application at the General Post Office in London to get the charge taken off.

Our grounds at Birksgate are finished and look very beautiful, but the house still remains without paper and paint, both of which we purpose putting on in the month of April. My stud is quite full and consists of my own saddle horse and . . . two very handsome bay carriage horses, these last in their new harness from a very dashing turnout. Arthur Ley's business and Caroline's remains just as when I wrote last, that is he is unable to support the expense of a family, nor does there appear to be any immediate prospect of a change of circumstances in this respect. These procrastinated engagements are not pleasant but I don't see that in this case there is anything more that can be done.. A Unitarian Minister, a Mr . . ., went to Adelaide, does he preach?

9.4.41

As to Alfred ever paying me for his sections and town lots I am beginning to be somewhat doubtful, as it will be two years next month since I sent him a power to sell one section and one town lot and yet he has not remitted one shilling, but stood haggling about the section till the opportunity for selling at all is most likely gone past, thanks to the boundless profusion of Col. Gawler which has for the present arrested the prosperity of the Colony. I know not what would have become of S. Australia, if the Government here had not agreed to advance £155,000 for the payment of Gawler's . . . bills. I have noticed with regret the decease of Mr Bernard⁶⁷. How are your professional prospects likely to be affected by this event? Since Edward's unlucky

⁶⁶ It was Arthur Hardy who had named his property near the Torrens Shepley.

⁶⁷ Robert Bernard who died on 23 October 1840 had been Registrar-General in South Australia.

abandonment of his voyage to New Zealand and poor William's decease he has been stopping here and appears to be a fixture, to my utter annoyance, he is now the next in succession to my late Uncle's estate and says, his position being thus altered, he will go out only as a gentleman, which means that I should advance him a few more hundreds to be squandered away, as many hundreds already have been, and this being what he now is convinced I will never do, he is settling down in a life of idleness and utter uselessness, occasionally giving way to such outburst of insolence as are almost intolerable. Never must you or Alfred identify yourselves with his concerns or let him have the handling of your earnings or savings, if you intend to live in respectability or comfort.

I wish you to be particular in telling me in every one of your letters what is the state of your health, and especially whether

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you bring up any blood at any time, as neither Alfred nor yourself have adverted to such symptoms lately. I hope you are both at length free from them. I am thankful for an almost uninterrupted state of good health during the last two years that I have lived at Birksgate. It is two years this day since your mother took up her abode here, during which time she has slept out of this house only one night, however she professes to be about changing her way of life very much, as she proposes spending the month of June with your sister Harriett, and the month of July with Caroline who I understand expects to be confined in that month.

I hope and trust, my dear boy, that you not only take correct views of religious truth, but that you are careful to cultivate that personal religion to which all speculative opinion is but of secondary importance.

Don't fail to write every three months. Your mother joins in love to yourself, Alfred and Louisa with

Your very affectionate father

July 1846

I leave this letter that you may understand how the property which I have bequeathed to you is situated and what is its present value. The copyhold estate in Lambeth is not mentioned in my will, because, according to the custom of the Manor, the estate descends to the youngest son without a heavy fine, if not bequeathed, but suffered to descend according to the custom. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the Lord of the Manor, and you must apply to be admitted a tenant. Having bequeathed to you my freehold estate in Yorkshire, I have given a list of the tenants on the other side of this paper. There is at this time payable out of the . . . Estate the sum of £700 . . . to my great niece Adelaide Eliza Butter, daughter of Mrs Jno. Sedgwick Butter of Hobart town, Van Diemen's Land, when she shall by twenty one years of age

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Typewritten extracts from letters to Arthur Hardy from his elder brother Edward Hardy. 17th June 1840 and 6th September 1838. One letter from Edward Hardy to Arthur's son, Arthur Marmaduke Hardy.

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from Edward Hardy 17/6/40 elder brother of Arthur

The Governor is, as John⁶⁸ says, more awkward than ever, he has quarrelled with John. They have not spoken or communicated this six months. . .
He is much elated by my account of the circumstances you are both in, and declares that he has made your fortunes, taking care to give me a slap whenever he can.
You may like to know something about Birksgate as well as its inhabitants. It is a neat two story stone built house, and very nicely furnished and fitted up within and without, indeed it is very much better than I had anticipated, the outbuildings, lawn, shrubberies etc. are all in very good taste, but the Governor has contrived to be at daggers drawn with almost all his neighbours, both rich and poor, the latter tease his very life ou, ringing the gate bell, getting into the shrubberies, looking after him and laughing etc., he is occasionally half cranky. Mama has grown very stout and she complains much of her health, but she looks very well and I am in hopes that she is only a little hypochondriacal on account of her dull life. Carry whose 19th birthday is today is looking remarkably well and is very pretty. She is a very delightful little thing She is to be married next September (to Arthur Ley)

The Governor keeps a very neat close carriage and pair of horses and also two saddle horses, and all pretty good. He is very desirous of lionising me about, but I am avoiding it as much as I can. I detest the Yorkshire people, they are all alike and all disagreeable. I do not expect that I shall remain very long here, he is always asking me what I intend to do, and proposed yesterday getting me a situation as manager or book keeper, or something of that sort at Huddersfield, which I civilly declined. He says that he will not under any circumstances endeavour to procure me any foreign employment, and even that were I to procure the most desirable appointment in any of the colonies, that he would not assist me to go to it to the extent of a single shilling. If I cannot get any appointment in South Australia, which I should much prefer, I shall endeavour to get something in London. Write fully to me Of course I do not consider any letters which I receive as family letters. I only communicate what I think you would like, and remember your promise about Emily

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Edward Hardy to Arthur Hardy
6/9/38

Many thanks for your kind letter which I delayed answering till I saw Marmaduke. I am extremely sorry that I shall not be able to come up to town to see you before you go to the South, but never

⁶⁸ Their brother John had died in 1825, so this is likely to be John Taylor, husband of their sister Harriet. John Taylor was a close friend of the family even though he and Harriet did not live together after 1833.

mind old fellow we shall meet next year. I will send you out some money when I can get any to buy some land for me, write me if you have time before you go telling me what you intend to do, I mean tell me everything worth knowing, in order that I may not be quite in the dark when I come out. And mind truth when you get out as your report will be my chief inducement to come out. Wishing you a quick passage, speedy recovery to health and that we shall soon meet and drink luck to Jolly Old England that far away, Goodbye and God Bless You.

Edward Hardy to A. M. Hardy

26/1/69 You have turned out such a capital correspondent that I feel quite unequal to keeping up to the mark with you. I must trust to your generosity to continue to give me your news in spite of my deficiencies. First of all in return for yours, I send off by the same post as this your father's letter from Adelaide which arrived here at 11 a.m. this day. We have heard from Win and Charlie, but not much news so that if you find any general family news or particulars as regards Win in your correspondence please communicate it to me. I do not think it very likely that Louis Ley will save as much as would pay his way to England. Should he do so however I fear he would find it difficult to get about and enjoy himself while in England (Australia?) and possibly more difficult to get out again. Charlie mentions that there is an idea of your Uncle Alfred, Aunt Louisa and Laura coming to England on a visit, accompanied by George, the latter to be left in England for education, but he speaks of it in a very uncertain way and I shall be glad to hear if your folks allude to it in a more definite way, for my part I cannot see the motive sufficiently strong to induce such an enormous expense. I am very glad you found Mr Fooks agreeable. I recommend you to cultivate him as he is capable of being serviceable to you in more ways than one. I gather from your silence that you did not see his son Willie Fooks, who occupies the same chambers. I regret that for I think you would have been mutually pleased with the acquaintance and he would than have insisted on getting you to the Lodge.

I have had sad turmoil with the garden and was greatly ill treated by the weather at the latter part of the job, but happily it is all finished now and already looks a great improvement and I think will be really delightful in the summer. I suppose it is impossible for you to give a look in for a night or two on your way from one place to another during your vagabondising. Thomas Edmond is worth cultivating for he is always glad to make himself useful and he is very frequently able to do so as you have already had experience, but you must expect all his friends to be more or less imbued with shoppiness.

I am very glad to hear you have had so much amusement in the shape of theatres and exhibitions etc. What is your motive for enquiring about Mr Booth and the Newbys, I feel very curious on the subject. Mr Booth, lately deceased, married my father's eldest sister, she died many years ago, they left two daughters, the eldest Mrs Coulson married a Methodist Minister, the youngest, Mrs Leather married the curate of Penistone, but where they live now I do not know. Both sisters have children I

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believe, but I have quite lost sight of them, although Mrs Coulson sent me a funeral card on the occasion of her father's death (aged 93) two or three months since. I replied with a letter of condolence to which I had no reply. My Father's first cousin, Dr Charles Hardy, an eminent physician of Bath was an old bachelor who died very rich, having purchased the Manor of and a

fine estate at Newport Pagnel⁶⁹ in this County. I think he had a niece married to a Mr Newby to whom he left the whole of his property and I have heard nothing more of them since my father's death. Should you hear anything about them, though it were only gossip, I should like to hear it. Thomas Edmund, his younger brother John (who is now a navy or something of the sort at Melbourne) and his sister Mary now married to a Mr Summers, a medical man at Wolverhampton, were the children of my father's third brother William who married a very vulgar woman with a great deal of money, he lived at Liverpool in a rather fast way and spent the whole of his wife's fortune, or nearly so and then died, the old lady who is now over 80 is almost if not quite dependent on her eldest son and her daughter who divide her between them and are very attentive and dutiful to her.

When you say Fred is very High Church now what does that mean? Does he burn lights or have candles on the altar? Does he wear the usual surplice, hood and black stole, or does he wear coloured vestments, and if so what colours and names? Does he have daily matins and evensong? How often does he celebrate the Holy Eucharist? I am always puzzled to know who is high and who low, and I fancy people very often call themselves both the one and the other, who in reality differ very slightly in actual belief the one from the other, but I should fancy both the Kingstons and Newenhams would be horribly low. Most of the Bath people are. All are well here. The girls are full of excitement in getting up their bravery for the Sacred Harmonic Concert which is to come off this day three weeks, the choruses have been very well got up and I fancy their dresses will be also. Give my love to Fred and Annie and believe me my dear boy your affectionate Uncle

⁶⁹ Newport Pagnell.

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Typewritten extracts from a letter to Arthur Hardy from his mother, Harriet Hardy, wife of Thomas Hardy of Birksgate, Huddersfield. 21st July 1845. Extracts from a letter from Harriet Hardy to Arthur Hardy's wife, Martha. 18th July 1856.

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From Harriet Hardy, wife of T. Hardy of Birksgate.

21/7/45

I have just written to Alfred and Louisa to condole with them on the loss of their little boy, your namesake. I feel greatly for the distress this must have occasioned them, but I am still more grieved as well as alarmed at the very serious effect produced by it on Alfred's health, both from his own account and from a letter Mr Taylor has received from Mr Newenham⁷⁰, in which he speaks of the dangerous and precarious state of Alfred's health, and urges on this ground an arrangement by your father for the benefit of his family, "as it is all he can do to support those directly depending on him". Now tho' prudence would justify him in seeking a proper provision for his daughter and her children, supposing his son in law to be in a dangerous state, yet common decency would, I should have thought, have led him to couple this application with some expression of interest or feeling. So cold blooded a letter I think I never saw addressed to a parent, and the feeling of indignation and disgust excited in my mind by the tone of his letter is such, that it increased tenfold my ardent wish to separate Alfred and his family from the family of his wife, who seems to be the only member of it of whom I care to hear again. I should be somewhat eased by the hope that this unfeeling eagerness may have led the writer to exaggerate the danger to hasten his object, but that he says that the medical adviser has intimated the danger to him and that neither you nor Louisa are at all aware of it. I very much wish that you would see this person and ascertain from him what is his real opinion of Alfred's case, and also urge him strongly against the practice which he seems to pursue of violent and lowering remedies, such as digitalis, and the old fashioned aid to destruction, starvation. I am persuaded that rest and quiet, with an easy mind, and a nourishing yet unexciting diet will have a much greater chance of the restoration to health, as all the later practice has shown.

In a letter I received from Harriet she mentions one of yours in which you speak of returning to us in little more than a year. The intelligence fell like balm upon my hear, wounded as it is by this long separation. Heaven grant, my beloved Arthur, that you may really be able to verify this delightful anticipation. I will not attempt to describe the joy I shall feel in seeing you again, or even in looking forward to so blessed an event, but Oh how perfect would it be if Alfred being spared to us, matters could be so arranged as that he could accompany you. I have long thought with respect to him, that few persons were ever less fitted, both by disposition and character, for a distant residence among strangers, than himself, and I should have had still greater misgivings on that score, if it had not been for your countenance and support, how then could I bear to trust him in that distant land when you shall have left it, with no one to confer with or to rely upon but this selfish and interested man. Indeed, if in your opinion such a step could prudently be taken by him, I think the sooner it were accomplished the better, as I really think he

⁷⁰ The father of Louisa, Alfred's wife.

never will have ease of mind till he has someone fitted and entitled to counsel and direct him in his pecuniary affairs, as his father could do were he anywhere near him.
When I was at Bideford I talked with Caroline on the subject of Alfred's return, and on the smallest income on which he could live

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and support his family in that place, the very cheapest in England, and she, who is an excellent manager and a most rigid economist, told me she had no doubt but with what we suppose to be Alfred's income that he might live near them with comfort. Indeed, the known cheapness of the place, together with its mild climate, has drawn so many persons of limited means and genteel habits, such as officers on half pay etc. that it is a particularly suitable residence. Added to this there is always a chance of some employment falling in for those who having any income are able to wait for such to arise. Your father talks of the expense of the passage as a serious obstacle, but perhaps that would not be so great as he supposes, and perhaps the prudent father in law would be willing, if he could, to assist in this matter, as it would free him from his fears of the future, and as he has never given him anything with his daughter, would be but reasonable. I wish, my dear Arthur, that would turn all this over in your mind, and give me your opinion on the whole matter. Your father is not pleased that he does not hear oftener from you and says you should write when you have leisure, so as to be ready when a ship is leaving. I say perhaps he has hardly ever leisure, however I tell you what he says. For my part, much as I love a letter from you, I am satisfied to hear of you from others so long as I get any way the happy tidings that you are well and doing well, and now, my dear one, in the blissful expectations of soon conversing with you face to face instead of this slow and tedious method, I remain, with the truest love and kindest wishes for your health and safe return to me,
Your most affectionate and loving mother,
Harriet Hardy

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Harriet Hardy, widow of T. Hardy of Birksgate to Martha Hardy

18/7/56 Do you recollect going to see the Pebble Ridge when you was at Bideford? I have taken lodgings at a farmhouse close to the Ridge for the sake of sea air, and Caroline and her little girl manage to get sea bathing in primitive style, there being here neither machines nor bathing rooms. I am forced to content myself with a sight of the sea from the windows, or sitting on the rocks in fine weather.

What are you all doing that I get no letters or even newspapers from you? Now that they have established frequent and regular mails we ought to be always writing or hearing from or to each other. Now that I have no other correspondent I miss it the more. Herbert⁷¹ never writes except when compelled by business, and Annie, his wife, but rarely. Through her I sometimes hear of Harriet's movements. I presume that she and Helen are now on the Continent, but in what part I know not. Algernon who was at Rome during the Carnival is with his mother and sister. I was sorry to hear of the death of Mrs Bonamy. Arthur Ley received a letter and newspaper from Miss Bonamy and Caroline wrote her a letter expressing her sympathy, to which she received in

⁷¹ Herbert, Algernon and Helen were the children of Mrs Hardy's daughter Harriet, formerly Taylor, now Taylor Mill.

reply a very friendly answer, in which she spoke of the mother in terms which did herself credit and made even a stranger to her regret her loss and feel for those she left behind.

Do you know anything of the character of Elizabeth College as a place of education for young ladies? Does Arthur correspond still with Dr and Mrs Kingston? I don't know where they are now. I should like much to see them again. I hardly think I should have met them when I did had he not been in England.

I suppose your children have now outgrown their pet names. I wish I could see them and in the meantime I should like to hear of them more frequently.

Ask Arthur if he ever hears of his cousin Augusta at Sydney. I wish when he writes he would tell me what is her name now and anything he hears or knows of her or of her mother and sister.

A near neighbour of Caroline's wrote some time since to ask for an introduction to Arthur for her son who was going to Adelaide. She excused herself from giving it, by saying that he had so many that she did not feel it right to add to them, the fact being that she knew this son had been a trouble to his parents here who have a large family, I believe twelve children, and therefore might not do credit to a recommendation, yet, they being very worthy people and kind neighbours, she would like that if possible Arthur would observe his proceedings, and, if correct, aid him by advice or other wise, as far as he could without inconvenience. His name is Maxwell his father a very popular man here and much respected and of a wealthy family.

How has Arthur got on with the railway that he talked some time back of coming to England about?

I hope that you as well as Louisa will practice all possible economy, that, by laying up a fortune as speedily as possible, you may be enabled to return to England in time to see me once more. I have adopted the plan of writing to you both at the same time because I feel as if, not knowing how many more letters I am able to write, I do not like to seem to prefer to remember (one) more than the other. God grant that I may see one or both of my dear children once more. With best love to you all I am your ever affectionate mother, Harriet Hardy

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**Typewritten extract from a letter to Arthur Hardy from S.K Kingston 12th August 1845.
Extract from a letter to Arthur Marmaduke Hardy from S. K. Kingston 9th March 1869.**

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From S.K. Kingston to Arthur Hardy

[The original of this letter has been transcribed as PRG101_2_2. There are some omissions in this account.]

12/8/45 We are truly happy to hear such satisfactory accounts of the excellent understanding subsisting between you and Dame Fortune, and sincerely hope you may, on a final settlement of accounts with her, take leave with entire satisfaction. You surprise us with the intimation of your intended visit to England, not but that we shall be truly happy to see you again, but we should have supposed you would have found it difficult to leave your important and growing interests where a few years more might have enabled you to have made your bow to them all, and thanked them for past favours. You seem to have been amazingly fortunate, not the less so that you have been lately solicited to accept the ripening favours of the earth's treasures. How long might you have been in this variable climate, anxious to exercise to their full extent the energies you have put forth in the land of your adoption, without meeting with a tithe of the success which has been awaiting you in Australia.

You are not to suppose from my thus adverting to your good fortune as intimated in your last and former letters that we have received the many letters we hope you have written us. Two only have reached us and in the last you kindly advert to our valuable sections, respecting which you are puzzled how to act for the best. Should you not have come to a determination on that head ere this reaches you, we should be glad if you would sell them outright, as you best can, for, at this distance, and without the hope, expectation or wish of seeing the prolific soil in which our bank notes have been sunk, it will be more congenial to the 'bird in hand' axiom to reconvert the said soil into sovereigns at the earliest possible period. And now I am on the subject I must beg you to enquire and send me word in whose name section a mile or two from Adelaide is registered. Our good old uncle whom you must remember, and whose decease in March last at my house you will probably have seen in the papers, was persuaded to take it by George K. I have told you how unaccountably he has neglected, up to this moment even, giving any advice or information respecting it, and in a letter of six or seven lines received some two months ago, he merely states his intention of writing shortly. I sent him out power of attorney in April 1845 to let or sell it, the latter was to have been to a Mr Aston who had agreed to purchase it at £160. He has never acknowledged receipt of the power of attorney or my letters. You will see that without the least desire to put any other than the most favourable construction on his conduct I cannot but feel he has behaved very incorrectly, nor can I continue to place any confidence in one who could have behaved so towards the good old Colonel. It is of no use now my telling him so, but he was exceedingly and naturally displeased at his neglect, and often spoke of it. I wish therefore you would be so kind as get all the information you can about it and forward it to me. I do not know that I can epitomize better as respects our own sections than by repeating our desire to sell them. I should have requested, as respects the Colonel's section, that you would ascertain if sold to whom, when, and for what price, if unsold, its value. Be so good as say also

whether the Colonel's executors can send you out any legal instrument whereby the power of attorney (should they on consideration feel it necessary) formerly given to G.K. can be superseded.

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of home news there is very little. I have not seen your father for many months. The Hope being broken up and I discharged as part of its cargo. The Griffins on a visit to Devon, having left Canterbury and being undecided as to future plans. Mrs Kingston desires me to thank you for your last kind letter, and to express her satisfaction at the prospect of seeing you again, and hearing you extemporize on the piano. Miss Mounsey too will be anxious to hear the combination produced by Australian influence. Our kindest regards and best wishes attend you.

S.K.Kingston to A.M.Hardy re death of Edward Hardy [*handwritten in ink*]

9/3/69

We are very sorry to hear the sad news your note of this morning conveys. It must be a great trial to you all, but the Almighty hand which has inflicted it will lead you out of it and enable you to bear it. It is especially sad for the poor girls, but I trust you may see your way to provide for their future. Remembering the fear your uncle had of their falling into their mother's hands perhaps it would be better not to insert his death in the papers. Has he left a will? If so how has he disposed of his property? Who is his executor and what provision has he made for his children? Has he insured his life? I very much fear his real estate must be entailed, yet probably in law he has no male heir. If so, probably your Uncle Alfred would inherit it. How is this? I hope your cousins have formed acquaintance with some desirable family or families who will look to them in their bereaved state, but about all this I shall be glad to hear and to advise you on any matter you wish to consult me on. Let us hear from you and with kindest regards and best wishes.

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Typewritten extract from a letter to Arthur Hardy from Maria Grenfell, née Price, sister of Martha Hardy. 29th December 1849.

from Maria Grenfell, née Price, sister of Martha Hardy

to Arthur Hardy

29/12/49

To prevent your being jealous, as well as to gratify a little personal inclination, I address you these few lines, although I conclude myself to be almost forgotten amidst the cares of business and overwhelming intelligence regarding dear Annie⁷². Yet I have thought a wee bit of you and dearest Martha, for I am sure you would have both liked having her with you, and eventually settled near you in your fine home. She is indeed a little maiden we need not be ashamed of, and greatly shall I like having her at Lutterworth, yet I speak the honest conviction of my heart when I say that, all things considered, it is best even for your sakes that she should remain with Edward, to whom she is very sincerely attached. She is too sensitive a being for how own and others' happiness under adverse circumstances and had she gone out with you she would probably have sacrificed herself to some romantic feeling towards you and Harry⁷³. You may say that I gain too much to be a fair judge of what would have conduced most to your happiness, but you know my misgivings are not just whim, and I do feel it is a Merciful Providence to all of us that has overruled her departure. She is very happy and does not behave half so decorously as you and Martha did. Yesterday at a quarter to one she had not found time to go upstairs and say good morning to Netta⁷⁴, though she rose at half past six and although Edward made an unexpected appearance this afternoon and parted from her at four o'clock, she hastened upstairs at five saying Oh I must go and write to him. Netta [*underlined in ink*] says she will never more believe prudish young ladies. Poor girl she is rejoiced at her sister's happiness that she is getting reconciled to the solitary passage. But my sisters have proved themselves so fickle that I begin to calculate on a change in her destiny. Edward goes up to Slough on Monday for three weeks. This of course prevents your visit to Lutterworth, but need it interfere with a family visit to me? Really I did not bid you adieu and I cannot let you and Martha go without a parting kiss, I should feel miserable for years to come. I must have one more look and one more last word, sad but sweet. You must come down on your way to Devonshire. The three girls will be alone at and we shall be once more united. Harry is always telling Edward that I shall never like him half as much as I do you, and Netta confessed this afternoon that she loved you as much as anyone, so Martha may be jealous

[*added in ink*] Netta – Henrietta Price – came to S.A. with Mr & Mrs Ar. Hardy

⁷² Annie Price, sister of Maria and Martha, married Rev. Edward Price.

⁷³ Henry Price, who had emigrated to Australia, had become a friend of Arthur Hardy's. It was through him that Arthur met Martha Price.

⁷⁴ Henrietta Price, another sister, came to Australia with Arthur and Martha and married S.F.White.

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Typewritten extract from a letter to Arthur Hardy from Caroline Ley, Hardy's younger sister. 7th October 1850

from Caroline Ley (née Hardy) to Arthur Hardy

7/10/50 I think you will be almost as sorry as I was to hear of the seemingly sudden death of poor Marmaduke⁷⁵ at Boulogne. I assure you that I very sincerely mourn his loss, he was I believe attached to us all. Last week only I heard the news through William Ley but have not been able to gain any particulars. Mama is still at the little cottage that she took in the spring, but she begins to find it cold and dark there and intends I believe to come into Bideford this week, first to our house and then into lodgings when she can find any to suit her. She and I have been staying with Harriet who took a house at Ilfracombe in August. Harriet, Lily and Haji came there and we spent a very pleasant fortnight with them. They are now I believe in the Isle of Wight and very well. Edward writes us but indifferent accounts of his domestic affairs, his wife appears to be in a sad state of ill health, she expected her confinement last July, when Edward anxiously hope for an heir, but as yet he has not been able to announce the event and she is he says extremely ill. They have been settled at Birksgate some time and E. tells us he has taken his seat on the Bench and finds himself very popular in the neighbourhood. He seemed to be much annoyed at finding an empty house, which one might imagine he would, but it could be nothing more than he would expect. Herbert I hear is talking of another trip to America. How in that case will our affairs proceed?

⁷⁵ An ink note informs us that Marmaduke was 'Marmaduke Hart, Ar Hardy's partner'.

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Typewritten extract from a letter to Arthur Hardy from his Uncle Joseph Hardy 6th December 1854.

from Joseph Hardy (uncle) to Arthur Hardy

6/12/54

I am thankful to say my wife and daughters are all well, my two eldest, Sarah and Deborah, are married to two brothers, very respectable Irish gentlemen, one a Minister, the other an independent gentleman retired from Trade. One live as Bambridge, the other at Holywood near Belfast, each having three children, the name is Bain, all very comfortable.

Your Aunt Alder had a very severe attack of illness about a month ago. She is now I am Happy to say recovered. I pay her a visit this approaching Xmas. Your Aunt Booth and family when I last heard much as usual. Mrs Leather swears Miss Topham has got a boy, her husband is curate at Peniston.

I suppose you before this will have heard of your Uncle William's death. He died in October 1852 at Denbigh in Wales. His widow and daughter reside in the Isle of Man. Thomas is at a loose end in London and John is at the 'Diggings' in your land, but nothing has been heard of him for 18 months, and then he had done no good. Of your mother and Mrs Ley I have heard nothing since I was at Bath last Easter. Edward I hear from half yearly with my Birksgate interest in which he is very attentive. His last letter was dated from Shepley Hall, his family were then residing in Jersey, he has let Birksgate on lease for 7 years at under £50 per annum.

I shall be most happy to have a cheering letter from you that yourself, your wife and children are all well and yourself doing well. And Alfred is equally so although I feel grieved that he never thought it worth his while to come and see his Uncle Joseph when he was only 28 miles and 1¼ hours ride from my house. How very different your conduct towards and treatment of me, witness my visit at the Reform Club in London, your respectful treatment of me at Hull, on our way from there to Normanton, again at Birksgate, then your visit to my house and the dinner at the Queen's Hotel here. Arthur, my dear nephew, I have not forgot all this and I have frequently contrasted it with Alfred's conduct in his total forgetfulness of his Uncle Joseph who would have been glad to have seen him, and so would his Aunt and cousins. Well, perhaps we shall never see each other again in this world. My Prayer is that we may hereafter in Heaven.

I shall be most happy to receive any Australian news of yourself and family and Alfred's and that you are all well and whenever an Adelaide paper has anything in about you to have one. Permit me to thank you for your obliging attention to Mr Birks and family who writes in grateful terms of you to his relatives here.

There is a Mr Sam Stocks I think with you at Adelaide. He went from here. He is a native of Huddersfield, he has been a great man here, both in the religious and political world, but has ben given to great and frequent changes in both, he was a defeated candidate for Macclesfield in Parliament and in 10 days after was a bankrupt, he has been very whining.

We are, you are aware, at war with Russia, great enthusiasm pervaded all classes here, but you see the English papers.

My wife and daughters unite in kind regards to yourself, your wife and family, and also to Alfred's. I am, my dear nephew, your affectionate Uncle, Joseph Hardy.

PRG 101_2_98**Typewritten extract from a letter to Arthur Hardy from his sister Harriet Taylor. No date given.⁷⁶ [1841?]**

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from (Harriet Taylor) [*added in ink*] later Mrs John Stuart Mill to Arthur Hardy (first part missing)

Pater Noster continues in the highest dudgeon with John⁷⁷, forbidding them to 'name his name' in his presence and taking no manner of notice of him when they meet. Thinking all this quite unworthy either of a man of the world or a 'Christian' I wrote a long effusion on the subject to the Padre telling him I thought it unworthy of him etc., and suggesting to him an occasion of making the matter up. But, as at the same time I showed that I thought John not in the wrong, it had no effect, Papa wrote in answer that if he received 'an apology!' he should know how to treat it. Of course John laughs at that and so the matter ended. I shall never interfere about it again and I should not have done so then, but the thing looks so vulgar and stupid that they should not even speak when they meet at the Club and such places, and because I saw that Papa was put to great inconvenience in collecting his rents etc. by his having taken it all into his own hands. As to John it releases him from an immense deal of troublesome business, so that on my part it was mere good nature to attempt to make it up for Papa. John never heard a word from Padre about some £40 which he says you sent him through Papa, so the other day I asked Papa why he had not sent it to John, and he said that your directions were that 'Mr Taylor was to have it when he applied for it, and as he had not applied for it he had not paid it'. He seemed quite delighted to be able to turn it so.

Edward continues at Birksgate where he seems to pass his time in smoking. Papa is in the utmost annoyance at his presence there, and says there is nothing he would not do to get rid of him, except the one thing without which he says Edward declares he will not leave, and that is to send him out 'like a gentleman'. To my thinking both the idea and the expression seems the last degree of vulgarity, if he is 'a gentleman' that fact will not be affected by the way he might go out, at all events it seems to me that the only valuable of a gentleman, his gentlemanly feelings, would be best proved by honestly setting himself to maintain himself rather than remain in a house which he has been repeatedly desired to quit, as his father told me a day or two ago. I speak to you of him severely (I never do so to his Father, nor to anyone but John) but I have but little toleration for a strong and healthy young man who prefers living upon the industry of others to his own. The whole subject of E. is unpleasant to me and I never speak of it to any one of my family except in my letters to you. Who is the Miss Newenham to whom Edward corresponds so

⁷⁶ Evidence from the letter – Harriet's comment about having lost the power of moving her right leg which happened in 1841 and that Caroline was to be confined in July (her son Louis was born in 1841) – suggests that 1841 is a likely date.

⁷⁷ Mabel Hardy has added in ink 'John Taylor?' Though Harriet married John Stuart Mill after John Taylor's death in 1849, the scandal which her strong affection for Mill caused was common knowledge in 1841. She was no longer living with John Taylor although they remained friends. There can be no doubt that the John mentioned here was John Taylor.

regularly? John forwards and receives his letters for him and he thinks it must be a sister of Alfred's wife, if so has she any fortune?

I hear nothing of the Fulks \[? Tulks/ *added in ink*] now, perhaps Caroline may, tho' I do not think she does. John has met Marmaduke about and sometimes sees James Tulk. James Ley is to marry Louisa, but when we do not know. Both the Leys and Tulks appear to be short of money. Caroline is expecting to be confined in July, and Mama is coming to town on her way to Devonshire to be with her. They are just now going into their house at Bideford from the old people's place where they have passed the winter. Arthur Ley appears to be industrious and has got into a good business they say by the death of the principal attorney at Bideford. At the time of Caroline's marriage I was ill and unable to do anything in the way of choosing or buying, and, after teasing myself a good deal about it, I left your present for future choice, as indeed I did principally my own. I will send it now when it will be quite as opportune.

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June 15 You will see there has been a long interval since writing the foregoing. I have had a severe illness with a sort of paralysis from which I have quite lost the power of moving my right leg, and very nearly that of the other. I have indeed been very ill but am now better in health though quite unable to walk. I have just come to Leamington to take the advice of a Dr Jephson whom I think you have heard the Tulks mention and who is thought very clever in this sort of seizure. I hope to get well here and that my next letter will be from London. I do not think there is danger in my complaint. John was to send of some music which I got for you last week. It is the first and only vol. published of the Convent Music, the opera of Tancred is for the pianoforte, and two songs. Whenever I see pretty songs I will get them and send, but they are difficult things to find. John was able to get French gloves in bond at a moderate price, but the seller refused to let him have specimens before buying, saying it was not usual, accordingly John, not thinking himself a good judge and I being unable to see them, he determined to buy but a few until you determine whether to have more or not. He has sent a few dozens. Mama has been staying with me in town a fortnight and left last week for Devonshire where she is gone to be present at Cary's accouchement. I will not write more now as I am not very strong, but I will soon write again. Lily⁷⁸ who is the only one with me at this place sends her love and kisses, and adieu, my dear Arthur, most affectionately, H. Taylor.

⁷⁸ Harriet's daughter, Helen.

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Typescript of a letter from Edward Hardy (1811-1869) to his younger brother Arthur Hardy (1817-1909). The typescript was made by Miss Mabel Hardy.

[When this letter was written Arthur was at sea on the 'Platina' on his way from England to South Australia. He arrived on 9 February 1839. Edward came to Adelaide on 26 August 1839 and departed for England on 23rd December.]

[Mabel Hardy has written on the top left hand corner: 'Original given to Mitchell Library'. In fact the original is in the Hardy papers. PRG101_2_1. There are many differences between the original and the typescript, particularly in punctuation.]

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Peniston⁷⁹ Paterson N.S.W. 28 Oct 1838

My dear Arthur,

I received your letter of the 10th June three days ago with the greatest pleasure. I am convinced that there are no friends so good as brothers, when they do suit each other, and it is therefore a very fortunate thing for you and myself that we are likely to be more than brothers to each other, that is sincere friends, more especially as it is our fate to be so distant from all other friends. I sympathise with you in the regret that you must have felt in leaving home under such melancholy circumstances. but when you find yourself in this beautiful climate, I feel no doubt that you will recover your health and spirits. As to your success I do not feel the slightest doubts of it – perseverance and economy is all that is required and I believe you to be possessed of both qualities.. What a melancholy picture you give of the Montgomerys and poor Withecombe. I am glad to find that all my friends remember me. You give me a gentle reproach for not having written to you but you should remember this is the first letter I have received from you by post and I made a point of answering none others, b^{.....}ut as you say, now we are close together we must write much oftener. Alfred⁸⁰ is a very bad correspondent, he does not seem to like writing. I have not heard from him for a very long time; and I much wish to hear what he is doing. I heard a rumour that he had resigned his appointment as Surveyor. I think that it would have been a much wiser plan if you had come direct to this Colony and made your purchases and taken them with you to South Australia, and I now think it would be your most advisable plan to come up here. I believe the passage up is very trifling compared with the advantages of judging for yourself and making your own purchases. While you are here you need not be at much expense. If Alfred has resigned his situation why not both of you come up, you would not lose much time by it and I think you would save a great deal in the long run. I confess that I am rather selfish in this wish as I have the strongest desire to see you both once more. If you should come immediately you arrive in Sydney write me a letter informing me what day you will leave town, and I will meet you at the steamer and bring you home, you ought at once to buy a horse (at Jone's livery stables) a good saddle and bridle. You will get a good horse for £35 or £50 and

⁷⁹ Peniston (now Penistone) was a small town in South Yorkshire near where the Hardy family lived in England. Miss Hardy has a small handwritten note. She has bracketed Peniston and written 'name of his grandfather's property John Hardy 1750-1814'.

⁸⁰ Alfred Hardy (1813-1870) was the brother in between Edward and Arthur.

be able to sell it when you are leaving with very little loss. I shall try to make you both as comfortable as I possibly can and I can give you much more information than I can in a letter besides introducing you to people who have the means of affording you more information than I can give you. I think in every respect it would be better for you to come here to make your purchases, than to trust to an Agent, or to buy at Adelaide. Thank you for your offer of quarters, if I am ever compelled to accept it be sure I would do so in the same spirit in which it is made. For myself I am struggling my hardest, and I am in hopes that I shall clear myself with my ensuing crop. I have written to my Father asking him to purchase my farm & rent it to me, and telling him if he should not that it was my intention immediately to return to England. But I am not sure but that should I find I can do no good for myself here, I might try my chance in South Australia. I do not know how it may be, but I fancy my experience in this Colony would enable me to do well there, however this fancy only crossed my mind since I sat down to write this letter.. I quite agree in your opinion respecting William⁸¹ & in fact I have long since ceased writing to him. With respect to the information you require about Tobacco etc. etc. I will always answer every question you ask, I should be very glad if I am able to tell you anything which will be useful to you but I cannot manage to give it you in the form of a narration. Tobacco – the seed is not sold but given, if you cannot get it there I will send you some. The most profitable sort is the large broad-leafed, the leaf from 2 ft 6 to 3 ft long & 18 or 21 in: wide. Books will tell you only to leave 8 or 10 leaves on the plant, I leave from 15 to 25 according to the health of the plant & I find it answers. The best quality of land for it is the rich black alluvial flats, on the river banks in nooks not containing more than 15 or 20 acres at the outside & well sheltered – but not overhung by trees. It should always be new land, which should be thoroughly worked and cleared until the soil is like that in a garden. The seed should be sowed in beds the following description, choose a piece of rich land and gentle slope wards the morning sun, make your beds any length you please but not more than 3 ft wide, they should be thoroughly dug and cleared, until the soil fine, then sow the seed as you would cabbage, only being very particular

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not to sow too much or to let it [*words missing*] fine this is a most difficult job, after scattering the seed do not rake or cover in any way, but tread the bed after the manner in which carrot beds are trod. The beds should never be watered unless you are so late with your crop as to make it a dernier resort. In which case you might cover the beds with fine boughs to keep the sun from them and water them every night until the plants shew, when immediately uncover & cease watering. These plants, however, cannot be depended upon. The beds usually take from 6 weeks to 2 months to come up in the ordinary way, and about a fortnight when forced. The proper time to put in the seed is just as the frosts are over, so that the plants when they come up should not be cut off by the frosts. If the beds all come up fairly it will take about five beds to the acre, of the following dimensions, 24 feet long by 3 wide. The best time for planting out is when any one leaf of the plant is the length of your little finger but you may plant them at any size. Having your land properly worked, cleared & sweetened you should open drills four feet apart from centre to centre by drawing the plough up the furrow and then back again, thus throwing the earth out on either side, and then with a hoe draw the earth in again to a level with the top of the drill at every three feet, this hole being about 9 or 12 inches in diameter, as soon as your

⁸¹ William Hardy (1809-1840) was Edward's older brother. He had been a surgeon in the Royal Navy and died in Italy in 1840.

plants are ready to put out you should commence whether it is wet weather or not, in dry weather you should have a wide shingle about six inches square for each hole. At one o'clock p.m. let your man commence watering by putting a quart of water into each hole & covering it with the shingle, thus watering as many holes as you think you will be able to plant, about an hour and a half before sundown draw what plants you require with a small knife so as not to disturb the earth from the plants you leave, as should you do so they will probably die. Then plant them one in each hole with a dibber as you would cabbage plants, only taking especial care that the roots are quite straight down, cover them as close as you can with the shingle to keep out the sun or hot winds, in two or three days if they do not look fresh you might put a pint of water into each hole without removing the shingle. The very first continuous rain you have uncover them & leave them open. Where any have died fill up their places. When it is raining plant away as hard as you can without watering and do not cover any plants that have had two days rain, From the time the plant shows above the ground until it is cut and housed you must be constantly looking for grubs, grasshoppers and other insects. When the plant is about half way to your knee take off the three or four bottom leaves that look badly and are trailing on the ground and hill the plant up when the soil is not heated. These leaves will be useless. The plant will now grow very rapidly and in three weeks or a month you will yourself perceive that there should be more leaves taken from the bottom. These leaves will noe be 15 or 18 inches long, perhaps longer, take off what are necessary and again hill the plant, these leaves after having about half an hours sun should be tied in bands about twelve in a band by the stem ends two bands being tied together and then hung over wattle cut for the purpose and placed in the roofs of your buildings, you will probably have two under leavings, before your crop is ripe. The stalks will now commence shooting upwards and throwing out blossom, immediately top the plant by breaking off the top of the stalk with your finger and thumb nail close above the highest large leaf, the plant will now throw out suckers from every joint, these suckers you must take off as fast as they appear. This process throws all the sap of the plant into the leaves you want, which otherwise the seed or the suckers would take. The plants will now get ripe which you will judge yourself by the leaf getting a yellowish colour, and becoming hard and firm, do not allow a plant to remain in the field when the leaf begins to get thinner, when your plants are ripe, cut them with a knife or a sickle about 2 inches from the ground, and let them lie in the sun for half an hour or an hour to stiffen, but do not allow them to be burnt and shrivelled. Then carry them to your Barn or Shed, having great care not to break the leaves. This is all I can at present think of respecting this field, except that the stumps will throw out fresh suckers, when you will remove all but one & hill it up, keep constantly removing suckers and topping as before until ripe, you may have a 2d and 3rd crop, but each will be inferior to the former. The stumps are no use for the next year, you will have to begin de novo. I forgot to mention that the beds must not be put in all at once but one at a with intervals of two or three days, a week or a fortnight, according to the quantity of plants you require, the quantity of seed sufficient for a bed of the dimensions I have mentioned, is about as much as a

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large teaspoon will contain . There ought to be one or two late beds put in, for fear of the plants dying after having been planted out. I think, I have now mentioned all the field work except that the ground should be kept as clean as a garden throughout. Any place that is secure from the weather will do for housing the crop, but it takes an immense deal of room. Whatever place you use should be previously fitted up with crop bearers on which you should lay stout wattles, you

should also be provided with stout wooden pegs about 8" long and pointed, as fast as the stalks are brought in drive these pegs through the stalk about 4" or 5" from the cut end, the peg having a slanting direction downwards, then hang the stalk on the wattle by means of the peg, of course the leaves hanging downwards. The wattles and also the pegs should be just sufficiently far apart for the tobacco to hang clear of the surrounding stalks, when the leaves have become limp and hang straight down. You may have as many rows one above the other as your building will hold, but the upper rows must swing clear of the tops of the under ones; the more draught and air you have without having an absolute wind the better. You will yourself be able to judge when the leaves are quite dry, the first wet weather when they are so when they get limp again with the damp so that you can handle them without breaking, take down as much as you can manage strip the leaves off the stalk and pack them carefully into a square heap, sized in proportion to the quantity you wish to sweat. This heap should be on a bag or rug and should be entirely covered around and above with the same article so as to keep the air out, the time it should remain in sweat so entirely depends on circumstances that it is impossible to fix it, the state of the tobacco, the state of the weather, and the quantity all influencing it, a large quantity will generally be sufficiently sweated in 10 or 12 hours or less. Of this which is the most ticklish part of tobacco growing, you will have to judge for yourself, you must never let it get to a wet pack, you must thrust in your hand to the middle of the stack and judge for your self of its state, it should have a tough damp heat, with a dark brown colour, you must then take it ought very carefully every leaf separate, and tie them together in bands of about 12 or 15 leaves, by the stem ends, they are always tied by one of the leaves, they being sufficiently damp and tough. These bands are then hung separately on the wattles to dry again, you open the band in the middle and place it astraddle on the wattle, where it will ride quite safely; as soon as these bands are thoroughly dry again take advantage of the first damp weather to take them down and stack them as they are but preferably straight, in stacks of from 5 to 800 in a stack, and in a perfectly dry place above & below. I forgot to mention that about lbs. 500 is the very largest quantity you should sweat in one stack. When you have got into the dry stack it is then fit for manufacture or for sale. With respect to the manufacturing I do not feel disposed to go into that subject in this letter, as it would be a very difficult one to explain, if you write to me however regarding information on that branch I will immediately write you all I can on the subject. I cannot very well give you an exact answer to your queries as to the total average expense and clear returns per acre, these depending

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so much upon various circumstances; as to the return you must judge for yourself it is a good crop that produces (1000 *) lbs. of leaf to the acre – The average price of leaf in Sydney is or has been being £50 to the acre. It is however more profitable to manufacture it when you can, as to the expense the only way in which I can possibly give you an idea of it is by telling you what I did last year and what labour I think was requisite for it. I built a shingled slab cottage on sleepers 36' long by 12' deep with an 8' verandah, a kitchen 21' long by 12 with 2 skillion rooms 7 x 12. slabbed and barked a stable 20' by 12' with a skillion fowl house 9' x 12' slabbed and barked and two large government men's huts slabbed and barked, also a tobacco shed of very durable workmanship 60' long by 39' wide & 30' from the ridge pole to the floor, this is entirely covered in with bark; besides putting up about 800 rods of fencing. I grew about 6 acres of wheat, about 6 acres of maize, half potatoes and about 10 or 11 acres of tobacco, the whole of which I housed and cured, to do this I calculate required 5 men and a team of bullocks, you must

now calculate what the expense of that number of men and bullocks would be and the worth of the work done by them. I got about 5 tons of tobacco clear, the wheat indifferent about 50 bushels – maize about 350 bush. in cob, potatoes an indifferent crop, I don't know how much. Should you grow tobacco, you will find children of all ages useful in it, if you can only make them careful, the value of the tobacco greatly depending upon the leaves being unbroken. Children are good for weeding, looking for caterpillars, grubs, grasshoppers etc. and for taking off suckers. They are also good for pegging, hanging up, stripping the leaves from the stalks and tying up the leaves, strong boys and girls from 10 years upwards could manufacture tobacco very well if they took to it. I know very little of sheep. Pure ewes however of any breed are extremely dear, from 3 guineas to 6 guineas. For good maiden ewes in lamb that is two year old with the wool on, you would give from £1/15/- to £2/10/- per head, the price of course depends on the age and quality of the sheep and as there is a good deal of cheating I strongly recommend your choosing for yourself. Good draught oxen are at an average from £8 to £10 per head sometimes £12 to £14, cows taking a number from to £5 per head perhaps less especially for cash. Bulls are at any price you like there being many of them of all descriptions. I should think you could buy as many pigs (sows) as you like at from 10/- to 15/- per head at the proper season, perhaps cheaper. A good dray complete from £12 to £16. Plough and harrow about £3 each. A good gelding for riding or driving from £35 to £40. A good mare from £50 to £70. I hope you will be induced to come up here in which case you will probably see my tobacco growing and also see all the other process including manufacture. We are now and have been suffering most terribly from drought, so that the tobacco crop at present is an entire failure throughout the Colony. I am however pretty fortunate as I have as yet plenty of plants although they die off very fast. I shall endeavour to get in 12 acres but I am very doubtful. I have between 8 and 9 acres of wheat which is acknowledged by all who see it to be the best looking wheat in the Colony! I have about 8 acres of maize which is looking very bad

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being quite burnt up, I shall put in about 4 acres more of stubble maize. This year will either set me altogether on my legs, or I shall give up all hopes of doing any good in this colony, which way it will be I can scarcely give a guess if things go on as they are at present. There will be scarcely any tobacco this year and consequently the price will rise tremendously, this will of course be a great benefit to me as I have sold none of my last crop, besides which I have a better chance of getting a crop this year than any one I know but if the weather were to take a sudden change so as to enable the tobacco growers to (reap x) large crops this year it would do for me as I cannot afford to grow tobacco at the price it is now fetching in the Sydney market, as I have to get every thing on credit I am obliged to pay far higher than other people for my supplies, besides having an enormous amount of interest. I am paying 12½% and 15% on all loans. I have not written so long a letter as this I don't know when, so that I hope you will write me a full account of your movements and intentions in return and do not delay in doing so, but do as I do, answer every letter the day after you receive it. I try and flatter myself that I shall have the pleasure of joining you and Alfred in a Christmas dinner, how delightful it would be to me. If it can be managed at all pray do both of you come, but if Alfred cannot still you ought for your own sake. I can write no more now my dear Arthur and must therefore conclude by wishing you all health success and happiness until I have the pleasure to see you. God bless you my dear fellow, prays your affectionate brother
Edward Hardy

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Miscellaneous

[The loose papers in 101/2/100 may have been part of the enclosures in PRG/2/9, the Arthur Hardy Letter Book.]

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[a four page folio, written mainly in pencil.]

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[A small embossed oval impression showing a sailing ship and the words COMMERCIAL POST is at the top left hand corner. Some words have been written lengthwise across top right hand corner. There some very faint diagrams and measurements for a double gate.]

substance of iron $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{16}$ of an inch
punched for [. . .] $\frac{5}{16}$ of an inch diameter
top & sides to screw together
with a bolt & nut

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[This has a brown ink diagram of a tall double gate with two thick lamp posts and lamps. It is similar to the gate pencilled on page 1. Otherwise blank.]

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doors plates locks &c & glass sufficiently strong to resist hail/ as also the extra expse of a hot water apparatus the house being intended for tropical plants such as the Banana wch requires a height of ab^t 20 ft & also for a Pinery

[This is followed by what appears to be a draft written in pencil. Words added or overwritten in ink have been placed in italics.]

P^r Melbourne Steamer

My dear Herbert

Chusan 10 Jan^y

I have shipped to you p^r Geelong 12 Bales of wool A H 1 to 12 & advised you
I wrote to you last ^m Formosa on 15 Nov when since I have no tres⁸² from you p^r Brooksby & Barbara Gordon & Brooksby [crossed out in ink] with BL to ensure £20 p^r Bale as I have not drawn agst this ship^{mt} thro' the Bank but shall draw ~~Monday~~ some/ small amots agst the shipment by the 'Geelong [crossed out in ink] \if by the vessel/ one of there drts however I send

⁸² 'tres' is a Hardy abbreviation for 'letters'.

by this Ne \a drt/ from J B White for £36:17 at 30 days wch please pay at Maturity, & also \wish/
~~an order for~~ [crossed out in ink] \request you to send to/ for [crossed out in ink] Miss Price \to
apply to you/ ~~for~~ £22 \to purchase sundries/ for such she will apply to you [crossed out in ink] &
~~she will send a box to you wch please forward~~ I also enclose an order for Sundries wch please
forward by sailing vessel – I enclose also a tre to Cottam & Hallen of which please retain a copy
& forward to them – I have told them to let you know the cost of the \iron/ Trellice before shipping
it there will be abt 1 ton besides the rion \wire/ one ton & they shd not cost more than £7 to £10
a ton but I would not care

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for a pound or two – & if galvanising not be more than £2 a ton extra plain iron will do – The
exchanges here have suddenly jumped up to par, so that gold dust will follow to 76s – at such
pprice it will only pay the Banks to ship – We look for the Adel Steamer daily will rec^t sales of
Alfreds order which will be some guide to me, how was it that he had no rec^t of it by the
Melbourne Steamer by which vessel I had dates to 12 Oct^{br}?

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[This appears to be a draft of a letter. It is written in pencil with some overwriting in ink.]

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Adel. So aus

21 Feb^y 1853

Mess^s Cottam & Hallen

2 Winsley S. Oxford S. London

Gentⁿ

This tre will be handed to you by Mess^s D Taylor & Sons of 76 Mark Lane to whom I wrote in Nov. last requesting them to forward me ~~Blue/ Japanned best black tin~~ ~~wove-~~ wire/dish covers with \flat/ tin tops \of a/ similar make to those you supplied \sent for me to/ their warehouse in Cross S^t. Finsbury ab^t 14th Jan^y 1850 – I require two of each the largest 1 f^t 9 x 1 f^t 4 In & the smaller 1 f^t 6 x 1 f^t 1 – I ask Mess^s Taylors to inform you if the order has not yet been exted in wch event please forward same to them – – ~~also~~

I also require some galvanized iron work for a trellis for Vines – I send herewith a sketch of what I ~~requ~~ think will do the ~~two sides~~ will be made separate from the top \two sides/, & will be connected [?] with them by a bolt & nuts \at “A” & “A” = a few extra bolts & nuts shd be sent/ – the width 10 ft the rise in the centre of the top 2 ft \shoulders to project outwards 9 Inc & by 1 f^t long/ Substance of the iron 1½ Inc by 3/16th of an inch punched to rece galvanized wire 5/16th if an inch in diameter – \as shown in sketch 5 holes in each side & 7 holes in each top the latter equidistant from each other/ of these I require 60 pieces & 120 sides \all galvanized/ & one ton of galvanized\iron [written in ink]/ wire 5/16th of an inch in diameter – Please ~~communicate~~

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~~with Mess^{rs} D Taylor & Sons~~ \communicate before executing this order/ the price at which you can del^f these things packed at the Docks to Mess^{rs} D Taylor & Sons to whom I write by this post my views as to the cost I am willing to incur –

Will you oblige me by sending to me by Post Office Steamer a sketch & estimate of price del^d at the Docks ~~of the undermentioned~~ \followed by/ for [ink] Folding Gates for a Park \Lodge/ Entrance into grounds the Lodge is of stone & thatched – the width of the road in the clear is 20ft \with grass at each side [ink]/ & the width of the carriage opening should be 12 ft \at least/ in the clear ~~one or two~~ \a side wicket at one/ or both sides – the Piers to be of Stone & surmounted by lamps wch latter sh^d be shown in the sketch & included in the estimate –

[overwritten in ink] I wish them to be neat & \handsome/ but plain without if ornamented & neat – please send me the price at wch you can ship galvanized iron wire fencing disregarding the price if the wire furnished if the standards were [. . .] Yours faithfully

AH

Also of an iron green house either to rise from an iron plate on a sloping wall or to be built agst a wall – these estimates sho^d include the iron work done

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2 doz Quarts Salad Oil. repeat [*in pencil*]
2 doz bottle fruits X “ [*in pencil*]
6-10/ lbs white \hard [?]/ soap –
24 cakes [*in pencil*] Honey do. repeat [*in pencil*]
2 lbs [*in pencil*] Brown Windsor repeat [*in pencil*]
1 doz ·½ lb bottles best Mustard
4 bottles Essence Anchovies.
3 do Cayenne Pepper.
—Gellatine repeat [*in pencil*] –
2 doz \small [*in pencil*] / bottles Anchovies ~~small bottles~~ [[*in pencil*]
½ doz Anchovy Paste
4 bott Essence Anchovies [*in pencil*]
~~3 bottles Harvey's Sauce~~
2 doz Sardines
~~1 box Macaroni~~
~~1 do Vermicelli~~
~~2 bales~~ [?] 108 bs [*in pencil*] Candles as before [*in pencil*] ~~no moons~~ [*in pencil*]
White transparent [*in pencil*]
~~6 lbs~~ 12 lbs better sort long fours.
½ doz Capers

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1 doz olives
6 \12 [*in pencil*] tins Herrings
24 [*in pencil*] Salmon ~~Qy/cts lines~~ [*in pencil*]
6 lbs Parmasan cheese.
1 Small bottles Essence Vanilla.
& 1 stick Vanilla [*in pencil*]
Lemon Biscuits 2 tins – [*in pencil*]
rusks 2 tins [*in pencil*]
2 tins tops & bottoms [*in pencil*]

X 6 black Currants
~~4 Currants & Raspberries~~ 4 Red Currants
4 Damsons
6 Gooseberries
2 Rhubarb.
2 Cherries & Currants.

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1044 feet.

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3 mops &
2 sweeping brushes.
these & the mops without
sticks.
2 Hand Sweeping brush.
2 Carpet brooms.
2 black lead brushes.
4 scrubbing do.
2 Plate brushes.
X
A skin wash leather
X a Set Shoe brushes

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