
**PRG 389/3-5 Papers relating to John Howard Clark
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PRG 389/3 Draft proposal by J.H. Clark on behalf of the Philosophical Society for the formation of a National Institute.

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Blyth St.
7 July 1854

Dear Sir

I enclose my draft of proposals to be made to Government for the formation of a National Institute, & shall feel obliged if you will look over it & make such alterations & additions in matter or manner as you think fit. — Our Philosophical Society will meet on Tuesday next & I shall be happy to go over this draft with you after the meeting is over or at any other time next week that may be more convenient to you.

I have been unable to procure the draft sent by you to the Gov^t last year, although much time has been lost in my endeavours to do so, so that I have been compelled to begin de novo & to work solely from my own ideas. —

The quarterly general meeting of the Library is to be held on the 20th Inst, & if possible I should like to have something to report by that time.

I enclose a few of our cucumber seeds & regret they are so few. I think I explained to you that my brothers seed-cucumbers had almost entirely failed. —

With kindness and

I remain

faithfully yours

Jno Howard Clark

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Howard Clark send draft of proposal for Mech.^{es} Institute, 7 July 1854

PRG 389/4 Letter from John T. Bagot, Chief Secretary's Office, to John H. Clark relating to promotion as Lieutenant Colonel in the Volunteer Military Forces.

Chief Sect Office
9/4/69

My dear Sir

With reference to your letter of the 8th inst. And Also our conversation on the same \subject/ I would request you to inform me, whether you will permit me to place Your name before the Governor as the person who from Seniority is entitled to receive the position of Lieut. Col. Vacated by Dr. Mayo

Your long service and the interest which you have later in placing the V M. F in an efficient position is an additional reason why such a recommendation should be made.

Yours very faithfully

John T. Bagot

John H Clark Esq
Major V.M. F.

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I would say that the Govt. do not recognise the Rule of promotion laid down in your letter as a general one JTB

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*On verso of the above letter is a typed copy with the heading
(Copy of letter from the Chief Secretary to John Howard Clark. Presented to the South
Australian Archives by Major P.H. Auld.)*

**PRG 389/5 Letter from J.H. Clark to J.T. Bagot, refusing promotion in the Volunteer
Military Forces because of ill-health..**

*The original letter has been copiously corrected by its author. What follows is a final copy of the
letter made by someone else, probably Major P H Auld.*

(Copy of a draft of a letter from John Howard Clark to the Chief Secretary. Presented to the
South Australian Archives by Major P. H. Auld.)

*The original letter bears the letterhead
Register, Observer, & Journal Offices,
Adelaide dated 10 April 1869.*

My dear Sir,

After our conversation of yesterday I thought it better to consult with one or two friends before
replying to your note of 9th inst. and I therefore delayed my reply until this morning.

I now beg to acknowledge with thanks the favorable estimate you are pleased to express of my
services as a volunteer, and to assure you that it would have afforded me the greatest pleasure
to accept your offer to recommend my name to His Excellency the Governor for promotion to the
vacancy caused by the resignation of Lieut. Col Mayo. As however I have been suffering from ill
health during the last nine months, and am still strictly enjoined by my friend Dr. Gosse to avoid
any exertion of the lungs, I feel that although I could no doubt discharge the ordinary duties
of the Lieut. Colonel without difficulty, I could not at present undergo the fatigue of a field day or
any special service, and under these circumstances I do not think it would be right for me to
accept promotion. At the same time as I am in hopes that the return of summer will restore my
former good health I trust I may be permitted to retain my present rank in the service. I shall
assuredly return to my full duty at the earliest possible moment.

May I request that in any communication you may make to His
Excellency in reference to this subject you will kindly lay this explanation before him.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

J.H.C.

Hon. John C. T. Bagot,
Chief Secretary,