Sydney. 24th November 1846

My dear wife

I received your short letter, not dated, enclosing one for Miss Macgregor, and was very thankful to hear so favorable a report of you all. This morning also I saw Lady Dowling, who appears to have had later news from Caen-yr-Allyn: as she mentioned William and Emily having dined there; and she tells me you were then all well. My present intention is to go away to the Hunter on Thursday (the day after tomorrow) provided that I can get through the business which I have now upon my hand, and that the weather improve a little. Since Sunday it has been blowing and raining tremendously.

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and we have had just now the heaviest shower that I think I almost ever witnessed. I am sitting almost with my feet in water; it has driven into the study. If you have had the same I fear it will injure or destroy the wheat. If I cannot come on Thursday I purpose to leave on Monday the 30th: so that if you do not see me on Friday next, you will expect me on the Tuesday following. You can fix the day for the Christening as will best suit dear Phebe. I think the name "William Francis" will be very suitable: especially as I wish Sir William Burton to be one of the god fathers. If I knew where he could possibly sleep, I should ask Robert Campbell to come with me to stand as proxy. We are all

going on well and quietly. No news of any kind. The other day Betsy Young came to call. Poor creature she looks like a shadow; quite ghastly. I was shocked to see her. I am going to ask Dr Dawson to see her; as they are coming to live not far from him. What can be done for her shall be: but I cannot help fearing she is in a bad way. In a paper which came from London by the last packet I see

Married on 16 June at Barbledown, Julia second daughter, and Maria third daughter of the late George Buckley Esqr: the former to Randal Wollatt Esqr of Vale Grove Chelsea, the latter to Captain E. C. Munro of the 74th Highlanders. It is a fine thing to be the Misses Buckley! I have nothing to add except my affectionate love to yourself children & grandchildren. Your faithful husband

W. G. Australia