P. S. You have enquired more than once who is my purveyor of Books in England? Richardson 23. Cornhill sends me such as I occasionally order.

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Sydney. 22^d April 1845

2^d P. S. Had overnight now strikes me in that I have omitted to acknowledge the arrival of Heber's Offices of Devotion. I will mention them when I next write to you.

My dear Mr Watson

I'm quitting home on January last Stockwith me your very kind letter from Daventry of 2^d Septem^r 1844, stating that during my perigrination of three months duration and 1500 miles in extent a spare moment might be found for replying to it. But so it came to pass that every day brought its occupation every night its fatigue; and the utmost I found myself equal to was the task of replying to the letter, not admitting of postponement, which met me at every post town: like Daventry, Oakham, Leicester and Nottingham. Each journey, however laborious and exposing me to fresh faces who desire with me to watch personal gratification in particular places, [illegible] yet most gratifying and satisfactory. It afforded me on all occasions proof of much sincere well regulated piety, and of much genuine Church principle, prevailing where perhaps it would hardly have been expected they should be found. The weight upon my heart is that

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there is imminent danger of all this being subverted
at least in the next generation, unless we had means of
doing much more towards its maintenance than I
see any reasonable prospect of our attaining. But
surely the 27th Psalm is not less applicable to
our day. "Though an host should encamp against me
my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me
in this will I be confident." I do confidently hope that
God will not forsake his own people. But now, leaving at length the
exciting subject, I must not pass to other subjects
replying to your letter, I must not fail to offer my
without due notice (so far as due notice can be rendered
of your most kind expressions and wishes relative
to the Eight hundred pounds in my keeping. Inform
ation of the same had been sent me from Mr Francis.
Let me assure you, my dear [illegible], that
no consideration should induce me to return for
your friendship, any thing which should
not be in perfect accordance with your wishes. I will
therefore not offer any renewal in an amended form
of that acknowledgment which I forwarded to you on
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the eve of my voyage to Port Phillip, as the best means
I could think of to preserve some record of the obligation
in the event of any casualty depriving me of life, before
any more regular understanding could be come to.
But although, in deference to your wishes which should
be as commands to me, I will not renew the bond in any
legal shape, yet I cannot exonerate myself or my
representatives from the tie of conscience binding me, now
or hereafter, to devote the property to its destined purpose.
I repeated assurance that, for
you will believe my
causes already stated, the mere temporary loan of
the money relieved me; in that it set me free from
obligations which though not burdensome, it was
yet more to be desired should not exist. But you
will excuse my saying, and saying sincerely, that I
disclaim any right, on behalf of myself or of my
children, to a permanent appropriation of funds
which were meant for the benefit of my successors in
the bishopric as well as for mine: and I should not
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die in peace unless provision were made for all men, so far as it rests with me, to receive their dues. Upon this point I feel very strongly. You may rely on my assurance that I will never put myself to inconvenience by attempting to make a premature repayment; nor will I run the risk of offending your feelings by proposing again any of those formal acknowledgments by which the contracts in worldly transactions are just bound. But my hope is that in the principles upon which we have been acting together now during many years, there may be found a security no less valid that, whether my years to come be many or few, there shall be an honest transfer of these voluntary offerings of good men, to the perpetual use of those for whom they were designed, and to whom they lawfully appertain. Coleridge informs me, but very briefly, that you have heard of my proposal for the Subdivision of this See, and that you approve of my suggestion that the nominal and actually disposable income of a Colonial Bishop should be one and the same. That it is not so now is really the source of disquietude and disadvantage to us: for persons under a vague impression that every man who receives largely must have in the same proportion the means of giving (not making any allowance for the usual out-goings) entertain most extravagant expectations: and when those expectations are not complied with, as they cannot be, it is made a handle of for very injurious misrepresentations. As to the erection of additional Sees, and the employment of additional clergy, I would wish to avoid even the appearance of speaking peremptorily: but my strong feeling is that it must be done at whatever sacrifice if we desire to cherish any expectation of a continued existence of the Church of England beyond the present generation. If we cannot obtain money for the promotion of these objects we must attempt them without money. The state of things in South Australia is terrible: but one clergyman, and he under a cloud, to minister to

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a population (rapidly augmenting) of 9418 souls nominally attached to the Church of E. while the Roman Catholics have a bishop and two priests to their 1035 adherents. As to my existing them I really cannot foresee any probability of it. At the termination of one circuit of five months there I immediately to undertake a second, and after that a third of equal extent, I should not have [illegible] over even a third of their territory. My hope however is that proposed arrangements which have been communicated to the A.B. to Mr Justice Colonidge and Sir A Foster, connectedly with a correspondence which Lord Stanley's express desire I am [illegible] with Captain Grey (the governor of South Australia) on ecclesiastical matters, will lead to some better arrangement. Should Mr Gorham succeed to the vacancy in the Colony, his own removal, it will be an undertaking worthy of his talents and principles, and will [illegible] be expected of him, to attempt some comprehensive measure for the support of the established religion in all the Colonies. But with they with whom he is to act, permit him to announce, as a statesman and a minister, his adherence to his declared principle that "the State has a conscience"? My opinion is that they will not. It is indeed too evident they dare not: and this indecisive inconsistent course of proceeding must lead forward to that disruption which you allude to, of the long subsisting tie between Church and State. For myself I would do nothing to hasten the crisis; because my persuasion goes with yours that we are not altogether ready for it. But when principles are concerned, it is impossible to go on [illegible] for ever. Mr Hall's pamphlet I have not seen; nor the Guardian that a single copy has found its way to this country. But from what you say and the Extracts in the Irish E.J. for the continuance of which I thank you) let me fully into its character. It may be good, & it surely must comprise the great ones at Oxford and elsewhere to take some decided step; and with more wisdom, let it be hoped, than proceeding against Dr Pusey. in my humble judgment was shewn in the case of Dr Pusey. Surely he cannot, will not, go with Mr W. But what a lamentable state of affairs does every arrival from England convey to our knowledge! When I look at what is happening in the Diocese of Exeter, in Berkshire, and in other counties, men actually who profess

profess to belong to one Church making the very ordinances of that Church the weapons for mutual assaults, I cannot but almost apprehend [illegible] sentence "Let the tares & wheat grow together" should be taken under the judicial sanction [illegible] Christian duty, [illegible] Church [illegible] Pastor [illegible] to endure the casting out of the name [illegible] Pastor [illegible] Church [illegible] Pastor [illegible] Church [illegible] Pastor [illegible] Church