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Sydney 5. February 1849.

My dear Coleridge

I wrote to you on the 16th of last month by
the "Thameside": and two days after that received
^{your letter} by the September packet with Mr. Markland's
enclosed. The latter, as you may believe, afforded
me an unexpected gratification: not more from
the generosity of the giver but from a sense
that it was to you I owed the benefit. If the
Hamlet do not sail tomorrow I will not fail
to write to Mr. M.: regarding also of the
topic which you suggest. But if the Mail
close this evening I must postpone it till the
next ship sails which will be only a few days.
I am trying by a little penicpe to make this
out of bounty productive of an exertion in
other quarters: and therefore have announced
to our Cathedral Committee in general terms
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only that I have authority to make such an offer if a corresponding advance be obtainable here. They are good fellows; and very willing, but not rich: but still by a united effort each doing a little I think they may accomplish my purpose. My Captain P. P. Kirg. R.N. who goes home in the Hamlet (to return after a few months) I send you a little book: a foreign edition of the Apostolic Fathers: and I think very good. You desired me some time since to send you a book with an inscription. But I do not know how it was, I never could fix upon any book with satisfaction to myself. This is worth only a few shillings: but I ^{trust} you will take it not as it is so valued, but as a token of the very sincere gratitude which I feel, and which is still beneath what I ought to feel, for your many noble and long-continued efforts for the cause

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of this Church. You did not say whether the inscription should be in English or Latin: and therefore I have tried my hand at the latter, thinking it more becoming in a book of that character. I hope *Australicus* is right, according to the analogy of *Italicus*, *Nepalicus*, *Anglicus* and so on. Neither *Australis* nor *Austrinus* seemed definite enough. Also I use *dilectis*: for which I do not know that there is any better authority than Tertullian. But it seemed to me rather in keeping with the title of the book. With these *Retractions* I now commit it to your keeping. I have told Captain Kirg if he can air it I am sure you will show him all the attention you can. If you do not see him, he will bring anything back to me next November. His address is at Mess^{rs} Stilwell & Co. Navy Agents 22. Abchurch Lane Strand. He takes his young daughter with him to show her the wonders of amazing England. She is a good girl: brought up in some strictness by her mother who inclines a little perhaps to methodism: but

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still is true and good. Should the daniel come
with his father to see Eton & Windsor I shall be very
thankful to Mrs Cleridge if it fall in her way in
any manner to make her visit a pleasing one: and
such as in the wilds of Australia, she may perhaps
look back upon like Miranda saying I wonder

How many goodly creatures are there here!
How beauteous mankind is! O brave new world
That has such people in't!

I notice all that you say, and acknowledge the
weight of it, respecting the defection of my co-
presbyters which has caused me so acute a
grief: yet hardly healed if we were to tussle. But
what I have to say on this and some other
subjects of import must be postponed until
I can write again; which shall be very soon.
God bless you my dear Cleridge. I trust
you are happy and prosperous as you deserve
to be: and with kindest regards to Mrs
Cleridge I remain Your faithful & sincere friend
W. G. Sydney