

MOORE COLLEGE: BROUGHTON LETTERS

Broughton to Coleridge, 15/10/1846 (Syd)

My dear Coleridge: You desire me to write a long Letter to Miss Burdett C through you; meaning thereby I presume not that I should tell you what to say to her, but write a letter addressed to her and forward it to you to deliver. This I have done. Purposing to write separately to you I will herein confine myself to saying that with some account of the state of affairs in the Diocese, I have directed special attention, as advised, to our incipient College: which indeed at present forms the chief subject of my anxiety. I have engaged (as you know) a house near Sydney from year to year, and we move to it at Christmas. But the great object of exertion must be a permanent settlement. If one had the cap of Fortunatus, I believe nothing could be so desirable as the house and premises which we have hired. But I do not think in the way of purchase anything effectual could be done with a smaller sum than £8000; so it is out of the question. Secondly there is a house and pretty good quantity of land opposite to the former. It is not nearly so good in any point of view, excepting that I think £4000 would set us going there. Again there is a residence with seven Acres of land adjoining the place which we have taken. It is a poor place certainly: but might be made to answer. The cost I imagine would not exceed £1500. The place which I have taken is called Lyndhurst. If we had means, the Bishop's residence might be fixed there; and there would still be space enough to build the College upon. But all this must cost money: much more than we have. The only sum that I know to be attainable is £1000 given by Dr Warneford, in trust to Lord Redesdale and the Revd Vaughan Thomas. However I have stated to you these particulars; trusting in God's Providence that whatsoever may be best for the welfare of his Church will be granted to us; and feeling no less assured that every thing which human exertion or prudence can effect towards that end will be accomplished by you. I regret most sincerely to hear that Sir John Coleridge has been ill; but am thankful to learn not only from you that he is recovering, but also to have the statement confirmed

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by a London paper of a few days later date. Pray present my kindest respects and regards to him, who is entitled to more thankfulness than it is in my power to offer for his earnest and disinterested efforts (now happily crowned with success) for the advancement of my great design.

We are very thankful to hear a favorable account of Dr Keate and all others connected with you. May God continue such blessings to you. My wife and I are quite alone. Emily is gone to see her sister. We are all well. Yours (sic) my dear Coleridge most faithfully and affectionately, W.G. Australia.