

Lyons. 8th April
1845

My dear Sally

I have been a little uneasy
at not hearing from you since
my return home. I wrote to you
on the 28 & 29th of March, and
have written since to William
Boydell (enclosing a cheque
for £12-10). I hope have
been received. I have seen
Chas Boydell, who tells me
you were all well when he came
away. With this I send a letter
for dear Phoebe which came this
morning by the London Packet.

begin to feel very anxious
about her: and earnestly pray
you may soon be able to send
me a favorable report of her
safety. The newspapers will have
conveyed accounts to you of the
sad state of affairs in New Zealand
and of the share the Bishop has
had in those dangers. In the
Herald I had a great part of his
letter to you printed. From Mrs
Selwyn I had a short note; wherein
she sends her thanks for the offer
be made to her of a place of
refuge when the disturbances
broke out last year. She is gone

with the Bishop to Taranaki where
I suppose they will remain unless
driven away by an attack of the
natives. In reply I have said she
is right in my opinion to remain
with him as long as she can: but
if her remaining only makes him
anxious and uneasy for her and
the children, or if the tempestuous
weather and bad accommodation
are such as she cannot bear without
injury to her own health, I should
recommend her to get away before
the winter sets in, and we will
take care of her and the children
till peace and security are restored
in New Zealand: if that is ever to be.

Mr. Laura Heath is not coming.
Her cabin was engaged and all
ready for her embarkation: when 3 days
before they were to sail news was brought
that her heart had failed her: and she
could not go unless Mr Cole came to
fetch her. I understand her mother
say, she shall not go even then. so I
suppose there is an end of the affair.
I have Mr & Mrs Wood of Wollongong
coming to stay with me. They are quite
at a loss to know what to do: and as
they were in a lodging which was very
uncomfortable and for which they
really have not the means of paying
I invited them to stay here till they have
made up their minds whether to go to
England or to accept an offer of a
vacap. station made to him by Mr Salting
the really is altered. I hope Emily has
got her box of books safe. With kindest
love to all I am My dear Sally, Your
faithful & affectionate husband
W. S. Australia